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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: John Mahoney for Marlene Catterall; Georges Farrah for Carolyn Parrish from 3:30 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

John Reynolds, seconded by Geoff Regan, moved - That, Derek Lee do take the Chair of this Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, Derek Lee took the Chair.

On motion of Chuck Strahl, seconded by Steve Mahoney, it was agreed, - That, John Reynolds be elected as Vice-Chair of this Committee.

On motion of John Reynolds, seconded by Geoff Regan, it was agreed, - That, Jacques Saada be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, - That, the five Whips be delegated the authority to act as the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114 and, provided that the recommendations are unanimous and a copy of the report is signed by all five Whips, or their representatives, they present their recommendations directly to the Chair of the Committee for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee.

On motion of Geoff Regan, it was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on agenda and procedure, consisting of Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Yvon Godin, Derek Lee, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada be established.

After debate, on motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed - That, subject to the adoption by the House of the list of Associate Members to the Committee, the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be

composed of Bill Blaikie, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Michel Guimond Carolyn Parrish and Marcel Proulx;

That Carolyn Parrish be appointed Chair of the Sub-committee; and

That the Sub-committee be charged with carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee under Standing Order 108(3)(a) insofar as Private Members' Business and the business related to Private Bills is concerned; and

That the Sub-committee be granted the same powers as the Committee has and enjoys pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) except the power to report directly to the House.

After debate, on motion of Stéphane Bergeron, it was agreed – That, the Chair be authorized to hold meetings and to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, - That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulation established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid if necessary to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that for such payment of expenses a limit of one (1) representative per organization be established (unless otherwise ordered by the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure).

On motion of Geoff Regan, it was agreed – That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to circulate documents received only when they exist in both official languages.

Mr. Strahl moved – That the committee prepare and report to the House the following standing order change to accompany the report establishing the list of committee members pursuant to Standing Order 104(1).

That Standing Order 106 be replaced with:

106 (1) Within ten sitting days following the adoption by the House of a report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs pursuant to Standing Order 104(1), the Clerk of the House shall convene a meeting of each standing committee whose membership is contained in that report for the purpose of electing a Chairman, provided that forty-eight hours notice is given of any such meeting.

(2) Each standing or special committee shall elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, of whom two shall be Members of the government party and the third a Member in opposition to the government at the commencement of every session and, if necessary, during the course of a session by secret ballot as follows:

(3) The clerk of the committee will preside over the election of the Chairman and will ask for nominations from the floor. After the nominations are closed, the clerk will announce the candidates to the committee members, and if necessary, list the names on a board in view of all committee members.

- (4) The clerk of the committee shall provide committee members present with ballot papers.
- (5) Members wishing to indicate their choice for Chairman shall print the first and last name of the Member on the ballot paper.
- (6)(a) Members shall deposit their complete ballot papers in a box provided for that purpose on the table.
- (6)(b) The clerk of the committee shall, once all Members wishing to do so have deposited their ballot papers, empty box and count the ballots and being satisfied as to the accuracy of the count, shall destroy the ballots together with all records of the number of ballots cast for each candidate and the Clerk shall in no way divulge the number of ballots cast for any candidate.
- (6c) In the event of one Member having received a majority of the votes cast, the Clerk shall announce the new Chairman to the committee.
- 6(d) In the event of no Member having received a majority of votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes cast will be dropped from the ballot. Another ballot will be taken. This process will be continued until a Member receives a majority of votes.
- (6)(e) Any Member wishing to withdraw their name may do so at any time.
- (7) Within ten sitting days of the receipt, by the clerk of a standing committee, of a request signed by any four members of the said committee, the Chairman of the said committee shall convene such a meeting provided that forty-eight hours notice is given of the meeting. For the purposes of this section, the reasons for convening such a meeting shall be stated in the request.

And that the Clerk be authorized to make consequential amendments if required.

After debate, it was agreed to resume consideration of the motion at the next meeting.

At 4:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 12, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a draft report on the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 12, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for Grant McNally; Benoît Sauvageau for Michel Guimond.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 104, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees.

After debate, on motion of Mr. Saada, seconded by Mr. Godin, it was agreed,

- That, the Draft Report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's First Report to the House and that the Chair present the report to the House;
- That the researchers and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

The Committee resumed debate on the motion by Mr. Strahl- That Standing Order 106 be replaced with:

106 (1) Within ten sitting days following the adoption by the House of a report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs pursuant to Standing Order 104(1), the Clerk of the House shall convene a meeting of each standing committee whose membership is contained in that report for the purpose of electing a Chairman, provided that forty-eight hours notice is given of any such meeting.

(2) Each standing or special committee shall elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, of whom two shall be Members of the government party and the third a Member in opposition to the government at the commencement of every session and, if necessary, during the course of a session by secret ballot as follows:

(3) The clerk of the committee will preside over the election of the Chairman and will ask for nominations from the floor. After the nominations are closed, the clerk will announce the candidates to the committee members, and if necessary, list the names on a board in view of all committee members.

- (4) The clerk of the committee shall provide committee members present with ballot papers.
- (5) Members wishing to indicate their choice for Chairman shall print the first and last name of the Member on the ballot paper.
- (6)(a) Members shall deposit their complete ballot papers in a box provided for that purpose on the table.
- (6)(b) The clerk of the committee shall, once all Members wishing to do so have deposited their ballot papers, empty box and count the ballots and being satisfied as to the accuracy of the count, shall destroy the ballots together with all records of the number of ballots cast for each candidate and the Clerk shall in no way divulge the number of ballots cast for any candidate.
- (6c) In the event of one Member having received a majority of the votes cast, the Clerk shall announce the new Chairman to the committee.
- 6(d) In the event of no Member having received a majority of votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes cast will be dropped from the ballot. Another ballot will be taken. This process will be continued until a Member receives a majority of votes.
- (6)(e) Any Member wishing to withdraw their name may do so at any time.
- (7) Within ten sitting days of the receipt, by the clerk of a standing committee, of a request signed by any four members of the said committee, the Chairman of the said committee shall convene such a meeting provided that forty-eight hours notice is given of the meeting. For the purposes of this section, the reasons for convening such a meeting shall be stated in the request.

And that the Clerk be authorized to make consequential amendments if required.

Debate arose.

Mr. Borotsik moved, that Mr. Strahl's motion be amended by striking out the following words in paragraph (2) : "of whom two shall be Members of the government party and the third a Member in opposition to the government."

After debate, it was agreed that a recorded division be taken to decide whether the vote on the amendment should be held by secret ballot.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Garry Breitkreuz

John Reynolds

Chuck Strahl

Stéphane Bergeron

NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Paul Macklin

Carolyn Parrish

Benoît Sauvageau

Geoff Regan

Yvon Godin

John Richardson

Rick Borotsik

Jacques Saada

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Tony Tirabassi

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The question being put on the amendment of Mr. Borotsik, it was negated on the following recorded division:

YEAS:**NAYS:**

Garry Breitkreuz

Marlene Catterall

John Reynolds

Joe Jordan

Chuck Strahl

Paul Macklin

Yvon Godin

Carolyn Parrish

Rick Borotsik

Geoff Regan

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John Richardson

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau

(10)

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the main motion be amended by adding, after the words "shall be stated in the request," the following: "(8) This procedure shall be in force until the end of the First Session of the 37th Parliament or until otherwise decided by the House."

The question being put on the amended motion, it was negated on the following recorded division:

YEAS:**NAYS:**

Garry Breitkreuz

Marlene Catterall

John Reynolds

Joe Jordan

Chuck Strahl

Paul Macklin

Stéphane Bergeron

Carolyn Parrish

Benoît Sauvageau

Geoff Regan

Yvon Godin

John Richardson

Rick Borotsik

Jacques Saada

(7)

Tony Tirabassi

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At 4:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 15, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral for Stéphane Bergeron.

Other Member present: Joe Fontana.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, Carolyn Parrish, presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

After debate, on motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed, - That, the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Second Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral moved, - That, the Committee deplores that some of the support documents to motions and bills, proposed by members to the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, are not being translated, a situation that violates the Official Languages Act.

After debate, it was agreed to add, after the word "violates" the following: "the spirit of".

The question being put on the amended motion, it was agreed to.

After debate, on motion of Carolyn Parrish, seconded by John Reynolds, it was agreed - That, the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs recommends, effective upon adoption by the House of this order, that Standing Order 87(6) be suspended for 90 days or until such time as the House adopts amendments to Standing Order 87(6), as recommended by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, whichever comes first; that, the Chair present the Report to the House and that the Clerk of the Committee distribute to all MP's copy of the Report.

It was agreed, on motion of Joe Jordan, - That, the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business study

the issue of Standing Order 87(6) and that it report to this Committee within 60 days.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to invite the Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, to appear as witness on March 1st 2001.

It was agreed, on motion of John Reynolds, - That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 51, the House take note of the Standing Orders and procedure of the House and its committees before the sixtieth sitting day.

On motion of Stéphane Bergeron, it was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar be struck, composed of the whips of all officially recognized parties; and that the Sub-Committee be granted the same powers as the Committee has and enjoys pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) except the power to report directly to the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to invite the Clerk of the House, William Corbett, to appear as a witness on February 20, 2001.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, February 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of electronic voting

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.

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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, February 20, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Gérard Binet for Carolyn Parrish; Joe Fontana for Geoff Regan; Antoine Dubé for Stéphane Bergeron; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings and Parliamentary Exchanges.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Orders 108(3)(a)(iii), consideration of electronic voting.

Audrey O'Brien made a statement and, with Marie-André Lajoie, answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of electronic voting

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;

William Corbett, Clerk;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: John Bryden for Jacques Saada; Joe Fontana for Tony Tirabassi; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk of the House; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Orders 108(3)(a)(iii), consideration of electronic voting.

Bill Corbett made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee



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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 1st, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Luc Dumont, Acting Director, Operations;

Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Scott Reid for Grant McNally; Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer; Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography; Luc Dumont, Director, Operations; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing; Diane Davidson, Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate)

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate).

Paul Macklin moved, - That, Bill S-10 be made a votable item and that the Chair present a report to the House.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Paul Macklin

Geoff Regan

John Richardson

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

(7)**NAYS:**

Rick Borotsik

Libby Davies

Grant McNally

John Reynolds

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Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee proceeded to the review of the radio and

television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 11:00 a.m.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, March 15, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

APPEARING:

Hon. Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.

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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, March 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Scott Reid for John Reynolds; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing; Diane Davidson, Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, February 27, 2001, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

The Hon. Don Boudria made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

WITNESSES:

Christian Heritage Party of Canada:

Ron Gray, National Leader.

Communist Party of Canada:

Miguel Figueroa, Leader.

Green Party of Canada:

Chris Bradshaw.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Scott Reid for John Reynolds; Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Christian Heritage Party of Canada: Ron Gray, National Leader; Thomas Sabourin, Executive Director. *From the Communist Party of Canada:* Miguel Figueroa, Party Leader. *From the The Green Party of Canada:* Chris Bradshaw.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 27, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, March 15, 2001, Meeting No. 8*).

Ron Gray made a statement.

Miguel Figueroa made a statement.

Chris Bradshaw made a statement.

At 11:45 p.m., the witnesses answered questions.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, March 22, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

Reprint of Bill C-9, as amended, for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage

Report by the Chair of Bill C-9, without amendments, to the House as the Ninth Report of the Committee

APPEARING:

Hon. Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Michael Peirce, Counsel; Director, Legal Operations; Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, March 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: John McKay for Geoff Regan; John Bryden for Tony Tirabassi; Scott Reid for John Reynolds; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witness: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director, Legal Operations, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, February 27, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, March 15, 2001, Meeting No. 8*).

The Hon. Don Boudria made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-9, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 31 and 32 on page 1 with the following:

"committee of the House of Commons that normally considers electoral"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Carole-Marie Allard

Libby Davies

Sarmite Bulte

Michel Guimond

Joe Jordan

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Paul Macklin

John McKay

Scott Reid

John Richardson

Jaques Saada

Ted White

(9)

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-9 be amended by adding after line 33 on page 1 the following new clause:

"2.1 Subsection 24(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

24. (1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a returning officer for each electoral district and may only remove him or her for cause under subsection (7)."

CHAIRMAN'S RULING: The Chair ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-9 be amended by adding after line 33 on page 1 the following new clause:

"2.2 Subsection 24(7) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(7) The Chief Electoral Officer may remove from office any returning officer who

- (a) is incapable, by reason of illness, physical or mental disability or otherwise, of satisfactorily performing his or her duties under this Act;
- (b) fails to discharge competently a duty of a returning officer under this Act or to comply with an instruction of the Chief Electoral Officer described in paragraph 16(c);
- (c) fails to complete the revision of the boundaries of the polling divisions in their electoral district as instructed by the Chief Electoral Officer under subsection 538(3); or
- (d) contravenes subsection (6), whether or not the contravention occurs in the exercise of his or her duties under this Act."

CHAIRMAN'S RULING: The Chair ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Clause 3 carried.

Clause 4 carried.

Clause 5 carried.

Clause 6 carried.

Clause 7 carried.

Clause 8 carried.

Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10 carried.

On Clause 11,

Scott Reid moved, -- That Bill C-9, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 35 on page 3 with the following:

"11. Subsection 109(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) The Chief Electoral Officer shall deliver a printed copy and a copy in electronic form of the final lists of electors for each electoral district to each candidate."

CHAIRMAN'S RULING: The Chair ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Libby Davies moved, - That Bill C-9, in Clause 11, be amended by adding after line 35 on page 3 the following new clause:

"(4) The Chief Electoral Officer shall deliver a printed copy and a copy in electronic form of the final lists of electors for each electoral district to each candidate."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 11 carried on division.

On Clause 12,

Scott Reid moved, -- That Bill C-9, in Clause 12, be amended by replacing lines 4 to 8 on page 4 with the following:

"(d) in the case of a general election, the party has candidates whose nominations have been confirmed in at least 12 electoral districts."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 12 carried on division.

Clause 13 carried.

Clause 14 carried.

Clause 15 carried.

Clause 16 carried.

Clause 17 stood.

Clause 18 carried.

Clause 19 carried.

Clause 20 carried.

On new Clause (20.1)

Scott Reid moved, -- That Bill C-9 be amended by adding after line 41 on page 6 the following new clause:

"20.1 Subsection 370(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

370. (1) An eligible party becomes a registered party if its application to become registered was made before the issue of the writs for a general election and includes the names of 5,000 electors who are members of the party or who support the right of the party to be a registered party."

CHAIRMAN'S RULING: The Chair ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Clause 21 carried.

Clause 22 carried.

Clause 23 carried.

On new Clause (23.1)

Libby Davies moved, -- That Bill C-9 be amended by adding after line 20 on page 9 the following new clause:

"23.1 Subsection 473(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Surplus electoral funds must be transferred

(a) in the case of a candidate who was endorsed by a political party, to the political party or to an electoral district association of that political party in the candidate's electoral district; or

(b) in any other case, to the Receiver General."

CHAIRMAN'S RULING: The Chair ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Clause 24 carried.

Clause 25 carried.

Clause 26 carried.

Clause 27 carried.

On Clause 17.

Scott Reid moved, -- That Bill C-9, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing lines 33 to 36 on page 5 with the following:

"purchase by all political parties which have nominated 12 or more candidates for the transmission of political announcements and other programming produced by or on behalf of the political parties, six and one-half"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 17 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-9 without amendments to the House as the Ninth Report of the Committee.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 37th General Election

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Director, Legal Services and Political Party Registrar;

Luc Dumont, Director of Operations;

Jean-Pierre, Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.

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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: John Harvard for Joe Jordan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer; Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography; Luc Dumont, Director, Operations; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing; Diane Davidson, Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties.

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 37th General Election held on November 27, 2000, pursuant to the Canada Elections Act, S.C. 2000, c. 9, sbs. 534(1).

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee proceeded to future business.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, March 29, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a draft report of the Sub-Committee on Private Member's Business

Consideration of a draft report from the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar

Consideration of calling the Prime Minister to appear in relation to questions concerning his ownership of shares in the "club de golf de Grand-Mère"

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, March 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:42 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Andy Savoy for Marlene Catterall; Steve Mahoney for Carolyn Parrish; John Finlay for Geoff Regan; Marcel Proulx and Claude Drouin for Jacques Saada; Libby Davies for Yvon Godin; Greg Thompson for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv), consideration of a draft report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

Marcel Proulx presented the report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business dealing with votable items.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, - That, the draft report be adopted as the Committees' Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

In accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), consideration of a draft report from the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar.

Marlene Catterall presented the report of the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, – That, the draft report of the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that, the Chair present the Report to the House and forward a copy of the Report to the members of the Special Committee on the Modernization and Improvement of the Procedures of the House of Commons for their consideration.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106(3), the Committee proceeded to consideration of calling the Prime Minister to appear in relation to questions concerning his ownership of shares in the Club

de Golf de Grand-Mère.

Following debate, the Chair ruled that this matter falls outside the mandate and powers of the Committee.

And debate thereon.

Steve Mahoney moved, - That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on division.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Elaine Diguier, Chief, I-Net and Multimedia, Information Services, TV and Radio;

Jean Leduc, Operations Manager for Multimedia Services.





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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Chuck Strahl and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Tony Valeri for Carolyn Parrish; Julian Reed for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Elaine Diguier, Chief, I-Net & Multimedia, Information Services, TV and Radio; Jean M. Leduc, Operations Manager, Information Services, TV and Radio.

Michel Guimond moved, - That, a recorded division be taken to sustain the decision of the Chair originating from the meeting of Thursday, March 29, 2001 concerning admissibility of the request contained in the letter received under Standing Order 106(3).

And debate thereon, the decision was sustained on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Michel Guimond

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NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Paul Macklin

Julian Reed

Geoff Regan

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

Tony Valeri

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Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee proceeded to the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, March 13, 2001, Meeting No. 7*).

Elaine Diguier made a short statement and, with Jean Leduc, answered questions.

At 12:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees





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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques LaSalle.

Acting Member present: Bernard Patry for Tony Tirabassi.

Guest attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

The Committee considered its policy of distribution of documents in both official languages.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee considered the review of radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of Commons.

Mr. Jordan moved - That revisions be made to the 48th Report of the Procedure and House Affairs Committee on broadcasting tabled in the House of Commons on December 3, 1998, as follows:

Tapes of Televised Meetings

(Paragraph E, third bullet, of 48th Report, be deleted and replaced by the following:)

"Video recording of committee meetings is subject to the express condition that the party so recording retain the original tape(s) for a period of 35 days, and upon receipt of a request in writing from the Speaker of the House of Commons, deliver forthwith the original tape(s) of any committee meeting video-taped pursuant to these rules."

Notice Period

(Paragraph E, ninth bullet, of the 48th Report, be deleted and replaced by the following:)

"A member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery wishing to video record a committee meeting must provide the clerk of the committee with reasonable notice in all of the circumstances prior to the meeting." (Such reasonableness to be determined by the Committee itself.)

Televising All or Part of Meetings

(Paragraph E, first bullet, of the 48th Report, be deleted and replaced by the following:)

"Video-recording/broadcasting will be done from the commencement of the meeting and will end only at a "natural break" in or at the end of the proceedings. Recording shall be suspended during suspensions in the committee proceedings."

Equitable Coverage of Committees

(Paragraph E, eleventh bullet of the Report, be deleted and replaced by the following:)

The objective of equitable coverage of all committees will be considered by the Committee when evaluating the success of these procedures.

Trial Period

(Paragraph E, the date June 30, 1999 in the first sentence of the opening paragraph of the 48th Report, be amended by the following:)

"The electronic media be allowed, on a trial basis to December 31, 2001, to film any public committee meetings held within the parliamentary precincts in Ottawa, subject to certain guidelines . . ."

(That the last sentence of paragraph 3 of the 48th Report, be amended as follows:)

"That these guidelines for access to committee meetings by the electronic media be evaluated and assessed by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs before November 30, 2001. Unless an extension of these new rules are adopted by the House, these guidelines authorizing video recording will expire on December 31, 2001."

After debate, Mr Bergeron moved - That the motion be amended by deleting the paragraph under Tapes of Televised Meetings and replacing it by the following:

"That the House Broadcasting Unit develop in consultation with the Parliamentary Press Gallery a proposal for the acquisition and archiving of the tape-recorded materials by the House of Commons."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

It was agreed that the amended main motion be agreed to.

The Committee considered changes to Standing Orders concerning the March Break.

Mrs. Parrish gave notice of the following motion: That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs agree to grant the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business an extension for its study on Standing Order 87 (6), pursuant the motion adopted by the Committee on February 15, 2001.

At 11:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, April 26, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Question of privilege raised on March 14, 2001 by the member for Provencher regarding the Department of Justice briefing the media on Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts, prior to it being tabled in the House of Commons and at the exclusion of Members of Parliament

APPEARING:

Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada.

House of Commons:

Vic Toews, CA, Member from *Provencher*.



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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, April 26, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for John Richardson; Richard Harris for Chuck Strahl; Michel Bellehumeur for Stéphane Bergeron; Pierre Brien for Michel Guimond; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

Other Member present: John Maloney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Vic Toews, Member for Provencher. *From the Department of Justice:* Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister & Deputy Attorney General of Canada.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of March 19, 2001, question of privilege raised on March 14, 2001 by the Member for Provencher regarding the Department of Justice briefing the media on Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts, prior to it being tabled in the House of Commons and at the exclusion of Members of Parliament.

It was agreed, on motion of Carolyn Parrish, - That the original deadline of April 16, 2001, for the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business to report to the Standing Committee on the question of Standing Order 87(6), be extended to May 31, 2001.

Vic Toews made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:46 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Minister made a statement and, with Morris Rosenberg, answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, May 1st, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Question of privilege raised on March 14, 2001 by the member for Provencher regarding the Department of Justice briefing the media on Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts, prior to it being tabled in the House of Commons and at the exclusion of Members of Parliament

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.

Privy Council Office:

Oonagh Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary, Cabinet, Legislation and House Planning.



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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, May 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for John Reynolds; Richard Harris for Chuck Strahl; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk of the House; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk. *From the Privy Council Office:* Oonagh Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary, Cabinet for legislation and House planning-Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of March 19, 2001, question of privilege raised on March 14, 2001 by the Member for Provencher regarding the Department of Justice briefing the media on Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts, prior to it being tabled in the House of Commons and at the exclusion of Members of Parliament

William Corbett and Audrey O'Brien answered questions.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:41 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Oonagh Fitzgerald made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, May 3, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, May 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Reg Alcock for John Richardson; Cheryl Gallant for John Reynolds; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of March 19, 2001, question of privilege raised on March 14, 2001 by the Member for Provencher regarding the Department of Justice briefing the media on Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts, prior to it being tabled in the House of Commons and at the exclusion of Members of Parliament.

The Committee considered a draft report.

Peter MacKay gave notice of motion to send for Mr. Mel Capp, Clerk of the Privy Council Office.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for John Reynolds; Richard Harris for Chuck Strahl; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of March 19, 2001, question of privilege raised on March 14, 2001 by the Member for Provencher regarding the Department of Justice briefing the media on Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts, prior to it being tabled in the House of Commons and at the exclusion of Members of Parliament.

The Committee considered the draft report.

After debate, on motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House; and

- that the researcher and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee considered its future business.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, May 10, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of a draft report on the Parliamentary Calendar

Study of a draft report on the Provisions of Standing Order 87(6)

Study of guidelines for Legislative Services and the Committees Directorate

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees





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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, May 10, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Robert Bertrand for Tony Tirabassi; Cheryl Gallant for Grant McNally; Richard Harris for Chuck Strahl; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

The Committee considered a draft report on the Parliamentary Calendar.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House; and

- That the researcher and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

The Committee considered a draft report on the provisions of Standing Order 87(6).

On motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House; and

- That the researcher and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

The Committee considered the question of guidelines for Legislative Services and the Committees Directorate. It was agreed that the Committee circulate the guidelines to all MPs and invite comments before May 31st.

The Committee considered a draft report on the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees. It was agreed to add, after the second bullet of paragraph E, the following:

Video recording of committee meetings is subject to the express condition that the party so recording retain the original tape(s) for a period of 35 days, and upon receipt of a request in writing from the Speaker of the House of Commons, deliver forthwith the original tape(s) of any committee meeting video-taped pursuant to these rules.

It was agreed, - That the third bullet, paragraph E, be deleted and replaced with the following:

The House Broadcasting Unit and the Parliamentary Press Gallery, shall develop, a proposal for the acquisition and archiving of the tape-recorded materials by the House of Commons and submit it to the Committee for decision before the end of September 2001.

It was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report and that the Chair report it to the House; and

- That the researcher and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

At 12:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 – Vote 5 under Parliament (House of Commons)

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

G. Gloutier, Major-General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

William Corbett, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Attending Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Grant McNally; Peter MacKay for Rick Borotsik.

Guest attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Guests appearing: From the House of Commons: Peter Milliken, Speaker.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; MGen. G. Bloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 27, 2001: Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 - Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT (House of Commons).

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, - That Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT carry; and

That the Chair report Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT (House of Commons) to the House.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, May 17, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 – Vote 20 under Privy Council and Reports on Plans and Priorities

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Davidson, Director of Legal Services, Chief Counsel;

Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography Directorate.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.





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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, May 17, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Grant McNally, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Claude Duplain for Tony Tirabassi; Cheryl Gallant for John Reynolds; Joe McGuire for Carolyn Parrish.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing; Diane Davidson, Director, Legal Services.

Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 27, 2001: Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 - Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL and Reports on Plans and Priorities (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer).

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL carry; and

- That the Chair report Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer) to the House.

At 12:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of a draft report in relation to Private Members' Business on the provisions of Standing Order 87(6)

Presentation of the draft report to the House as the Committee's report

Future business





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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Geoff Regan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Joe Fontana for Carolyn Parrish; Ivan Grose for John Richardson; Raymond Lavigne for Jacques Saada; Randy White for Richard Harris; Garry Breitkreuz for John Reynolds; Benoît Sauvageau for Michel Guimond; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the subject of Bill S-14 be put on the Committee's agenda for the next meeting.

The Committee deferred consideration of the membership of a Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs to the meeting of Thursday, May 31, 2001.

The Committee considered a draft report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business on the provisions of Standing Order 87(6).

Michel Guimond moved, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House; and

That the researcher and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

The motion was agreed to, on division.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) as it relates to the taking of divisions by electronic means in the House, the Committee considered a draft report on electronic voting.

Rick Borotsik moved that the issue of electronic voting be tabled until the Fall.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Bill Blaikie

Rick Borotsik

Garry Breitkreuz

Cheryl Gallant

Joe Jordan

Benoît Sauvageau

Tony Tirabassi

Randy White

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NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Fontana

Ivan Grose

Raymond Lavigne

Paul Macklin

Geoff Regan

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At 12:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, May 31, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the status of renovations to the Parliament Buildings

APPEARING:

Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada

WITNESSES:

Parliamentary Buildings Advisory Council:

John Fraser, Chair.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Michael G. Nurse, Associate Deputy Minister.







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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, May 31, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Irabassi.

Acting Members present: Randy White for John Reynolds; Dale Johnston for Richard Harris; Bill Blaikie for Guy von Godin.

Other Member present: Joe Fontana.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: The Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Witnesses: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: Michael G. Nurse, Associate Deputy Minister; René Crête, Director General, Parliamentary Precinct - Real Property Services Branch. *From the Parliamentary Buildings Advisory Council:* The Hon. John Fraser, Chair; Mary Anne Griffith, Member; Sheila-Marie Cook, Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) - consideration of the status of renovations to the Parliament Buildings.

The Hon. Alphonso Gagliano made a statement.

The Hon. John Fraser made a statement.

The witnesses answered questions.

Pursuant to the order from the House of Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Committee considered a draft report on the membership of a Special committee on non-medical use of drugs.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:44 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Joe Fontana for Joe Jordan; Marlene Jennings for Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Senate: The Hon. Jeremiah S. Grafstein. *From the House of Commons:* Marlene Jennings, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Lachine.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

By unanimous consent, on motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, - That Bill S-14 be made a votable item.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 24, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, March 13, 2001, Meeting No. 7*).

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate)

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Marlene Jennings, Lib., Member from *Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Lachine*.

Senate:

Hon. Jeremiah S. Grafstein, Lib., Senator from *Metro Toronto*.





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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Michel Guimond, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Stéphane Bergeron; Wendy Lill for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Senate: The Hon. Jeremiah S. Grafstein. *From the House of Commons:* Marlene Jennings, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Lachine.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 24, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, March 13, 2001, Meeting No. 7*).

Senator Grafstein and Marlene Jennings made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, June 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report on plans and priorities for 2001-2002 of the House of Commons Administration

APPEARING:

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;

G. Cloutier, Major General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

William Corbett, Clerk;

Luc Desroches, Director General, Corporate Resources.





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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:33 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Irabassi.

Acting Members present: Joe Fontana for Joe Jordan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Peter Milliken, Speaker.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer; Luc Desroches, Director General, Corporate Resources.

On motion of Joe Fontana, it was agreed:

That the motion adopted by this committee May 29, 2001 on electronic voting be rescinded;

That the Committee favours in principle the adoption of an electronic voting system for the House of Commons;

That the components and features to be included in any such system would include the following:

1. Individual voting stations for each Member, with *Yea*, *Nay*, and *Present/Abstain* facilities, and luminous indications of the vote cast once it is validated by the system;
2. Security or identification features for each voting station with provision for back-ups or overrides;
3. Voting to be permitted only by Members when they are physically present in the chamber;
4. Display panels in the chamber, visible to all, that would include reference to or the text of the item being voted upon; a roster of names of Members with indicators of how they voted; vote totals; time remaining in the voting period; and so forth;
5. Video monitors with similar information for the use of the party whips;
6. Control consoles and monitors for the Speaker and the Clerk's Table;
7. Approval of all visible monitors, consoles, or display panels will take into account the traditional and historical significance of the House of Commons and therefore consideration of such equipment at the design and installation stage will be non-intrusive and consistent, so as to maintain the existing architectural integrity.
8. Procedural changes and Standing Order amendments to provide for electronic voting, including the capturing of time efficiencies, such as voting during the ringing of the bells for a recorded division, and the time permitted for subsequent divisions.

That a report prepared by the Clerk of the House outlining all options, costs and technologies to implement such a system, including any previous or current expression of interests from qualified suppliers, be tabled with this committee by Sept. 30, 2001 for its further consideration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(ii), Report on Plans and Priorities for 2001-2002 of the House of Commons Administration (Sessional Paper No. 8520-371-90)

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate)

WITNESS:

Senate:

Hon. Jeremiah S. Grafstein, Lib., Senator from *Metro Toronto*.





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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Stéphane Bergeron; Wendy Lill for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 24, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Poet Laureate) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, March 13, 2001, Meeting No. 7*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 1,

Paul Macklin moved, -- That Bill S-10, in Clause 1, be amended by

(a) replacing, in the English version, lines 7 to 9 on page 1 with the following:

75.1 (1) There is hereby established the position of Parliamentary Poet Laureate, the holder of which is an officer of the Library of Parliament.

(b) replacing lines 20 to 30 on page 1, and line 1 on page 2, with the following:

(3) The Parliamentary Poet Laureate holds office for a term not exceeding two years, at the pleasure of the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons acting together.

(4) The Parliamentary Poet Laureate may

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rick Borotsik

Marlene Catterall

NAYS:

Gérard Asselin

Michel Guimond

Joe Jordan

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Wendy Lill

Paul Macklin

Carolyn Parrish

Geoff Regan

John Richardson

Tony Tirabassi

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Clause 1, as amended, carried on division.

The Title carried on division.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill S-10 with amendment to the House as the Twenty-Seventh Report of the Committee.

At 11:42 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, September 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair





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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, September 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Richard Harris, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Bryon Wilfert for Jacques Saada; David Price for Paul Macklin; Steve Mahoney for Tony Tirabassi; Garry Breitkreuz for Cheryl Gallant; Peter MacKay for Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

Steve Mahoney, seconded by Peter MacKay, moved – That Peter Adams be elected Chair of this Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

The Chair, being in receipt of a letter from John Reynolds informing him of his resignation as Vice-Chair of the committee, presided over the election of a Vice-Chair.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, -That Richard Harris be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 104(1) in relation to the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees, the Committee proceeded to its consideration of a draft report.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the draft report (as amended) be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House, and that the Clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

On motion of Peter MacKay, seconded by Geoff Regan, it was agreed, - That the name of Jay Hill be added to the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Peter MacKay, it was agreed, - That the name of Pierre Brien be added to the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Peter MacKay, it was agreed, - That the name of Jay Hill be added to the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

At 3:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

APPEARING:

Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;

Gus Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms;

William Corbett, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Luc Desroches, Director General, Corporate Services;

Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services.





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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Janko Peric for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Peter Milliken, Speaker.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Luc Desroches, Director General, Financial Services and Human Resources; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer; Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services.

The Committee considered the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

The Chair circulated copies of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

**FIRST REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON
AGENDA AND PROCEDURE
OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS**

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2001 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill and Jacques Saada.

Acting Member present: Garry Breitkreuz for John Reynolds.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the researcher prepare a short briefing note on the motion adopted in the House of Commons on June 12, 2001, regarding the possibility of making all Private Members Business items votable; that the Clerk of

the House be invited to appear before the Committee to discuss the procedural implications of such a proposal and that the Committee present a report to the House.

2. That the Committee write to Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, to ask for more time to review the draft Referendum Regulations and that Mr. Kingsley be invited to appear before the Committee on the subject of the Referendum Regulations.
3. That the Researcher prepare a short background summary on the Draft Practice Guidelines for legislative counsels and that a letter be prepared to inform the Board of Internal Economy that the Committee has considered and agreed with the Draft practice guidelines for legislative counsels.
4. That the Speaker of the House of Commons be invited to appear before the Committee on the subject of the 2000-2001 Performance Report.
5. That the staff of the Committee prepare a short report on the implementation of the 19th Report (Broadcasting of Committee proceedings) and that the Committee consider tabling a report to the House asking for an extension of the pilot project beyond the December 31, 2001 deadline.
6. That, in accordance with the September 18, 2001, Speaker's ruling on Standing Order 56.1, the Committee consider the use of that Standing Order at a later date.
7. That the Committee await a report from the Clerk of the House of Commons before taking up the issue of electronic voting.

At 11:59 a.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Adams, M.P.
Chair

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, - That the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), consideration of the Performance Report of the Administration of the House of Commons 2000 – 2001.

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, October 18, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study in relation to Private Members' Business

Consideration of a draft report

Question of privilege raised on October 15, 2001 by the Member of West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Official Secrets Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other Acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament

APPEARING:

Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Richard Mosley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Criminal Law Policy;

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Justice.

House of Commons:

John Reynolds, CA, Member from *West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast*.





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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, October 18, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Paul Bonwick for Marlene Catterall from 11:12 to 11:47 a.m.; Claude Duplain for Jacques Saada; Garry Breitkreuz for Richard Harris.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the Department of Justice Canada: Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: John Reynolds, West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast. *From the Department of Justice Canada:* Richard G. Mosley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Criminal Law Policy and Community Justice Branch; Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister & Deputy Attorney General of Canada.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Committee proceeded to its consideration of a draft report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

After debate, it was agreed, - That a dissenting opinion be appended to the Report.

It was agreed, - That the Report, as amended, be adopted and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

After debate, it was agreed, - That Bill S-7 be made a votable item and that the Chair present a report in the House.

Question of privilege raised on October 15, 2001 by the Member of West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Official Secrets Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other Acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament.

John Reynolds made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Anne McLellan made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Drafting of changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk;

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Jacques Saada; Garry Breitkreuz for John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Consideration of the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 12, 2001 instructing the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs to draft changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business.

It was agreed, - That the Research Officer prepare a document summarizing the two proposals discussed by the Committee at today's meeting.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, October 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Draft changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.





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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, October 25, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Richard Harris, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for John Reynolds; Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Consideration of the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 12, 2001 instructing the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs to draft changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business.

Richard Harris moved, - That the report to the House read as follows:

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 12, 2001, your Committee has considered the matter of improving procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business and has agreed to the following:

THAT, due to lack of time, the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs was unable to draft changes to Standing Orders to improve Private Members' Business and recommends that it be authorized to continue its deliberations beyond November 1, 2001, and that it present its final report no later than December 7, 2001.

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That, the motion be amended by replacing "December 7, 2001" with "April 12, 2002".

The amendment carried.

The motion, as amended, carried.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Referendum Regulation proposed by the Chief Electoral Officer

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Chief Legal Officer;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.



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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, October 30, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques Trudelle.

Guest Members present: Scott Reid for John Reynolds.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane Davidson, Chief Legal Officer; Holly McManus, Deputy Chief Legal Officer; Carol Lesage, Director, Parliamentary Representation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), consideration of Referendum Regulation proposed by the Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the Referendum Act, S.C. 1992, c. 30, sbs. 7(6).

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the question of privilege raised by the Member of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, The Official Secrets Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other Acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Richard Fadden, Deputy Clerk, Counsel and Security and Intelligence Coordinator;

Oonagh Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Legislation and House Planning Counsel.



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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Trabassi.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From Privy Council Office: Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Clerk, Counsel and Security and Intelligence Coordinator; Oonagh Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Legislation and House planning/Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 104 and 107, in relation to the membership of the Liaison Committee, consideration of draft report.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's report and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of October 15, 2001, consideration of the question of privilege raised by the Member of West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Official Secrets Act, the Canadian Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other Acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament.

Richard Fadden made a statement and, with Oonagh Fitzgerald, answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Referendum Regulation proposed by the Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the Referendum Act, S.C. 1992, c. 30, sbs. 7(6)

Consideration of a draft report

Consideration of electoral boundaries readjustment process in Canada, and of the issue of householders sent during an election campaign





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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Guy Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Scott Reid for Richard Harris.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), consideration of Referendum Regulation proposed by the Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the Referendum Act, S.C. 1992, c. 30, sbs. 7(6).

The Committee proceeded to its consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's report and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), consideration of electoral boundaries readjustment process in Canada, and of the issue of householders sent during an election campaign.

It was agreed, - That Jean-Pierre Kingsley be invited before the Committee during the first week of December.

Consideration of guidelines for Legislative Services and Committee Directorate.

It was agreed, - That the Chair consult with the Members of the Committee on changes to the letter to the Board of Internal Economy.

At 11:42 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, November 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Question of privilege raised on October 15, 2001 by the Member of West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Official Secrets Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other Acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Clerk, Counsel, and Security and Intelligence Coordinator;
Oonagh Fitzgerald, Counsel; Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Legislation and House Planning;

Valerie de Montigny, Senior Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Communications and Consultation).

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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, November 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Richard Harris, Guy Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Gauda and Tony Tirabassi.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Clerk, Counsel and Security and Intelligence Coordinator; Oonagh Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Valerie de Montigny, Senior Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Communications and Consultation.

A question of privilege raised on October 15, 2001 by the Member of West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Official Secrets Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament.

John Reynolds moved -- That the Committee ask for the draft report prepared by Deloitte & Touche.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

Richard Harris moved -- That Deloitte & Touche be invited to appear before the Committee.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

Richard Harris moved -- That this committee ask Mr. Fadden to receive from members of this committee questions arising from the Deloitte & Touche report and that he would further direct those questions to Deloitte & Touche for response and ensure that such responses be delivered back to the members submitting them.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

Paul Macklin moved - That the Committee report to the House with respect to this matter that this committee has not found a contempt.

Debate arose.

Richard Harris moved -- That the main motion be amended by adding, after the word "that", the following : subject to outstanding questions arising out of the Deloitte & Touche report, being answered by Deloitte Touche, either in written or verbal form".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment , it was negatived.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Paul Macklin

Carolyn Parrish

Geoff Regan

John Richardson

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

(8)**NAYS:**

Pierre Brien

Cheryl Gallant

Richard Harris

Jay Hill

John Reynolds

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Richard Harris moved -- That this committee direct Mr. Fadden to receive from members of this committee questions arising from the Deloitte & Touche report and that he would further direct those questions to Deloitte & Touche for response and ensure that such responses be delivered back to the members submitting them.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Paul Macklin

Carolyn Parrish

Geoff Regan

John Richardson

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

(8)**NAYS:**

Cheryl Gallant

Richard Harris

Jay Hill

John Reynolds

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At 12:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

12:27 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Selection of items of Private Members' Business

Consideration of changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.





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Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:43 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Richard Harris, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Garry Breitkreuz for John Reynolds; John Harvard for Carolyn Parrish.

Other Member present: Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv), selection of items of Private Members' Business.

Carolyn Parrish moved – That no Bills presented to the sub-committee be made votable items at this time.

Debate arose

Marlene Catterall moved – That the motion be amended by adding, after the word “time”, the following: “and that the Senate Bill that was before the Sub-committee (Bill S-22) be made votable.”

Debate arose.

By unanimous, the amendment was withdrawn.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

Question of privilege raised on October 15, 2001 by the Member of West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast regarding the matter of the media receiving information on the contents of Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Official Secrets Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Act and other Acts, and to enact measures respecting the registration of charities in order to combat terrorism, before Members of Parliament.

Joe Jordan moved that the draft report be adopted.

Debate arose.

Cherryl Gallant moved -- That the draft report be amended by adding, at the beginning of paragraph 12, after the words “The Deloitte & Touche report,” the following: “states, at paragraph 6.3: “The disquieting aspect, however, is that a small portion of the article contains or alludes to information, which, at the time prior to

tabling of the bill itself, was classified secret and was subject to protection as a confidence of cabinet.”
However, the report concludes:”

After debate, the amendment was adopted.

Cherryl Gallant moved -- That the draft report be amended by replacing, in paragraph 13, the words “Virtually all” with the words “with the exception of two points.”

After debate, the amendment was adopted.

The question being put on the motion to adopt the draft report, as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Paul Macklin

John Harvard

Geoff Regan

John Richardson

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

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NAYS:

Pierre Brien

Garry Breitkreuz

Cheryl Gallant

Yvon Godin

Michel Guimond

Richard Harris

Jay Hill

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Mr. Macklin moved that a dissenting opinion be appended to the report.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 12, 2001, consideration of changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, November 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees





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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, November 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

The Committee proceeded to its consideration of guidelines for Legislative Counsel.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, - That the Chair send a letter to the Board of Internal Economy informing its members that the Committee has agreed to the Draft Guidelines.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), consideration of the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees.

The Committee proceeded to its consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Cheryl Gallant, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 11:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of changes to the Standings Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of private members' business

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.





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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Guy St-Julien for Jacques Saada; Carol Skelton for Cheryl Gallant; Garry Breitkreuz for Richard Harris; Roy Bailey for John Reynolds; Claude Bachand for Pierre Brien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Geoff Regan moved, - That the Committee rescind the decision not to make S-22 votable.

After debate, it was agreed that the motion be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 12, 2001, consideration of changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, December 6, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the electoral boundaries readjustment process in Canada

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Chief Legal Officer;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer.





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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, December 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:36 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Richard Harris, Ray Hill, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Brent St. Denis for Joe Jordan; Gurmant Grewal for John Reynolds; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin.

Other Member present: Stéphane Bergeron.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane Davidson, Chief Legal Officer; Carol Lesage, Acting Director of Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the electoral boundaries readjustment process in Canada.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a short statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the issue of householders sent during an election campaign.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.



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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Robert Bertrand for Marlene Catterall; Garry Breitkreuz for Richard Harris; Carol Skelton for John Reynolds; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 12, 2001, consideration of changes to the Standing Orders in order to improve procedures for the consideration of Private Members' Business.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, - That the motion not to make S-22 votable be rescinded.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, - That S-22 be made votable.

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs report to the House changes to the Standing Orders for the consideration of Private Members' Business, including a workable proposal allowing for all items to be votable cannot be achieved at this time.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Bill Blaikie

Joe Jordan

Michel Guimond

Paul Macklin

Carolyn Parrish

Geoff Regan

John Richardson

Jacques Saada

NAYS:

Garry Breitkreuz

Cheryl Gallant

Jay Hill

Carol Skelton

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Tony Tirabassi

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At 12:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Selection of the Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business

Change in membership of Sub-Committees on Private Members' Business and Agenda and Procedure

Election of the Vice-Chair

Change in membership of the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada following the 37th General Election entitled "Modernizing the Electoral Process" (*Canada Elections Act, S.C. 2000, c.9, s. 536*)

Future business

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Chief Legal Counsel;

Luc Dumont, Director, Operations;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;

Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.





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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Harold Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Scott Reid for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane Davidson, Chief Legal Counsel; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing; Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography; Luc Dumont, Director, Operations.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, -- That Marcel Proulx be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, -- That Tony Tirabassi replace Carolyn Parrish on the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, -- That Gerry Ritz replace Garry Breitkreuz on the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, -- That Garry Breitkreuz be elected Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on procedure and House Affairs.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, -- That Garry Breitkreuz replace John Reynolds on the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and procedure.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, -- That Garry Breitkreuz replace Richard Harris on the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada following the 37th General Election entitled "Modernizing the Electoral Process" (*Canada Elections Act, S.C. 2000, c. 9, s. 536*)

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

The Chair reported that, at its meeting of Thursday, January 31, 2002, the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs agreed to the following:

That the following points be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs:

- Selection of the Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business
- Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), election of a Vice-Chair
- Change in membership of Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure
- Change in membership of the Sub-Committee on Parliamentary Calendar

That the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada be invited to appear before the Committee on the subject of "Modernizing the Electoral Process".

That a letter be circulated to the Chairs of all Committees reminding them of the provisions of the guidelines of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees.

That a press release be prepared and sent to the media reminding them of the provisions of the guidelines of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees.

That the Committee study security on the Hill and that the Chair set up a visit to the Bank street entrance security accommodations.

That the Chair set up a meeting with Senate representatives in order to address the issue of Senate Private Bills.

That the Committee explore new ways to address the issue of votable items.

That the Chair follow up on the Community of Interest Conference organised by the Chief Electoral Officer.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, February 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House





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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, February 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Harold Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada, Tony Tirabassi and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House.

Marlene Catterall moved, seconded by Randy White, -- That the Committee adopt the report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows:

Subject to the adoption of an Order of the House referring to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs the question of privilege concerning statements made in the House by the Minister of National Defence, the Sub-Committee agreed to make the following recommendations:

- That the proceedings be held in rooms 253-D or 237-C, Centre Block and televised;
- That a preliminary list of witnesses be appended, and that other witnesses may be called;
- That Brian Pallister, M.P. and Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence be given the opportunity to be heard early on;
- That, if the Committee deems it necessary, witnesses may be called for subsequent appearances;
- That, the proceedings take place during sitting weeks and in the evening if necessary;
- That the Committee report to the House before March 15, 2002, if possible.

Appendix – Preliminary List of Witnesses

Mel Capp, Clerk of the Privy Council
William Corbett, Clerk of the House of Commons
Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister of Defence
Richard Fadden, Deputy-Clerk of the Privy Council
General Raymond Hénault, Chief of Defence Staff
Jim Judd, Deputy-Minister of National Defence
Vice-Admiral Greg Maddison, Vice-Chief of Defence Staff
J.P. Joseph Maingot – author of “*Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*”
Brian Pallister, Member of Parliament proposing the motion.
Commodore Tefoe, Canadian Component on Afghanistan (written response to Members’ questions)
Senior official, Foreign Affairs

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

At 3:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Brian Pallister, CA, Member from *Portage—Lisgar*.







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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Harold Macklin, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: David Pratt for Carolyn Parrish; John Harvard for John Richardson; Vic Toews for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Brian Pallister, Portage--Lisgar.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Jay Hill moved, - That the following documents be placed before the Committee, at the earliest possible time, in reference to its examination of the question of privilege raised by the Member for Portage-Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House:

To establish basic information about JTF2:

JTF2 Annual Historic Reports 1994-2001, DND.

JTF2 After Action Reports, 1996-2000, DND.

Canadian Forces Organization Orders, Joint Task Force Two, March 26, 1993.

August 1994 Briefing Note on JTF2 to the Deputy Minister.

JTF2 CANFORGEN, 1994.

To establish information flow between Ottawa and JTF2 on deployment for an operation:

DND Briefing Note - Hostage -Taking Incident in Lima, Peru, December, 18, 1996.

Reassessment of DND Role, Memo, December 23, 1996.

DND Briefing Note - JTF2 Actions, Lima, Peru, March 4, 1997.

Memorandum for Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peruvian Hostage Crisis, February 28, 1997.

Lima Hostage Situation, Diplomatic Cables, Foreign Affairs, 1997.

The Way Ahead Report, JTF2.

Briefing Note JTF2 Capability Enhancement, 1996.

Briefing to the CDS, The Way Ahead JTF2, Slide Deck.

An Update of the Way Ahead for JTF-2, Briefing Package, May 1997.

Briefing Note for Minister of National defence, Tasking of JTF2, April 20, 1999.

To establish information flow between Ottawa and JTF2 on deployment to Afghanistan and the Taking of Prisoners.

All Afghanistan/Operation Apollo SITREPS, INTREPS, and Significant Incident Reports, December 6, 2000-January 30, 2002, DND.

And any other documents that the Committee deems relevant to its investigation from time to time.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Jay Hill gave notice of his intention to move the said motion at a later time.

Brian Pallister made a presentation and answered questions.

At 1:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.





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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 7:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Harold Macklin, Geoff Regan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: John Harvard for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

The Chair reported that he was in receipt of the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, which reads as follows:

The Sub-committee on Private Members' Business has the honour to present its

SECOND REPORT

The Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business met on February 6, 2002, to select votable items from bills and motions whose order of precedence has been established on Thursday, December 6, 2001.

The Sub-Committee recommends that none of the items considered be selected.

Respectfully submitted

Marcel Proulx, M.P.
Chair

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Bill Corbett made a statement and, with Rob Walsh answered questions.

At 9:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

APPEARING:

Department of National Defence:

Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence.





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Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan and Paul Harold Macklin.

Acting Members present: Aileen Carroll for Marlene Catterall; John Harvard for Carolyn Parrish; André Harvey for Geoff Regan; David Pratt for John Richardson; Mauril Bélanger for Jacques Saada; Dominic LeBlanc for Tony Tirabassi; Vic Toews for Randy White; Peter Stoffer for Yvon Godin.

Other Members present: Michel Bellehumeur; Brian Pallister; Benoît Sauvageau; Caroline St-Hilaire; Elsie Wayne.

Senators present: Senator Pierre Claude Nolin; Senator Marcel Prud'homme.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the Department of National Defence: The Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

The Hon. Art Eggleton made a statement and answered questions.

Jay Hill moved, - That the following documents be placed before the Committee, in both official languages and in a timely fashion, in reference to its examination of the question of privilege raised by the Member for Portage-Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House:

To establish basic information about JTF2:

- JTF2 Annual Historic Reports 1994-2001, DND.
- JTF2 After Action Reports, 1996-2000, DND.
- Canadian Forces Organization Orders, Joint Task Force Two, March 26, 1993.
- August 1994 Briefing Note on JTF2 to the Deputy Minister.
- JTF2 CANFORGEN, 1994.

To establish information flow between Ottawa and JTF2 on deployment for an operation:

- DND Briefing Note - Hostage -Taking Incident in Lima, Peru, December, 18, 1996.
- Reassessment of DND Role, Memo, December 23, 1996.
- DND Briefing Note - JTF2 Actions, Lima, Peru, March 4, 1997.
- Memorandum for Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peruvian Hostage Crisis, February 28, 1997.
- Lima Hostage Situation, Diplomatic Cables, Foreign Affairs, 1997.
- The Way Ahead Report, JTF2.
- Briefing Note JTF2 Capability Enhancement, 1996.
- Briefing to the CDS, The Way Ahead JTF2, Slide Deck.
- An Update of the Way Ahead for JTF-2, Briefing Package, May 1997.
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To establish information flow between Ottawa and JTF2 on deployment to Afghanistan and the Taking of Prisoners.

- All Afghanistan/Operation Apollo SITREPS, INTREPS, and Significant Incident Reports, December 6, 2000-January 30, 2002, DND.

And any other documents that the Committee deems relevant to is investigation from time to time.”

The motion carried, on division.

At 5:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

G.R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Julian Reed for Paul Macklin; Wayne Easter for Carolyn Parrish; Alan Tonks for John Richardson; David Price for Jacques Saada; Leon Benoit for Garry Breitkreuz; Vic Toews for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Vadm. G.R. Maddison, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

By unanimous consent, the Committee discussed routine business.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Jim Judd, Deputy Minister.





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Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Marlene Catterall; David Price for Paul Macklin; Rodger Cuzner for Carolyn Parrish; Raymond Lavigne for Geoff Regan; Beth Phinney for John Richardson; Mauril Bélanger for Jacques Saada; Leon Benoit for Garry Breitkreuz; Vic Toews for Randy White.

Other Members present: Elsie Wayne; Michel Bellehumeur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Jim Judd, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

The witness answered questions.

Yvon Godin gave notice of the following motion:

That Claude Laverdure, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister and Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet on Foreign Affairs and Defence Policy be called as a witness to the Procedure and House Affairs Committee.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Raymond Henault, General; Chief of the Defence Staff.





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Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 7:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Joe McGuire for Marlene Catterall from 20:30 to 20:34; Derek Lee for Paul Macklin; Brent St. Denis for Carolyn Parrish; Joe McGuire for John Richardson from 19:31 to 20:28; Larry Bagnell for John Richardson from 20:28 to 21:45; Mauril Bélanger for Jacques Saada; Leon Benoit for Garry Breitkreuz; Vic Toews for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

General Raymond Henault made a statement and answered questions.

Jay Hill moved, -That the Committee recall the Minister of National Defence immediately to explain himself as to why there is this serious discrepancy between his statement made to this committee and the testimony of at least two of the witnesses heard today.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 8.

At 9:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Richard Fadden, Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council, Counsel and Security and Intelligence Coordinator.





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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Karen Redman for Marlene Catterall; Claude Duplain for Paul Macklin; Guy St-Julien for Carolyn Parrish; David Pratt for John Richardson; Mauril Bélanger for Jacques Saada; Vic Toews for Garry Breitkreuz; Leon Benoit for Randy White; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

Other Member present: Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the Privy Council Office: Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Clerk, Counsel and Security and Intelligence Coordinator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Richard Fadden made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Mel Cappe, Clerk of the Privy Council.





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Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 7:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Marlene Catterall from 20:50 to 21:36; Beth Phinney for Paul Macklin from 19:33 to 20:05; Derek Lee for Paul Macklin from 20:05 to 21:36; Reg Alcock for Carolyn Parrish from 19:33 to 19:30; John McKay for Carolyn Parrish from 19:39 to 21:36; David Pratt for John Richardson; Mauril Bélanger for Jacques Saada; Vic Toews for Garry Breitkreuz; Leon Benoit for Randy White; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the Privy Council Office: Mel Cappe, Clerk of the Privy Council.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Mel Cappe made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, February 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House

WITNESS:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Jim Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global and Security Policy.





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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Member of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Cheryl Gallant, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Mauril Bélanger for Paul Macklin; Wayne Easter for Carolyn Parrish; Dominic Leblanc for Geoff Regan from 12:20 to 12:43; Stan Keyes for John Richardson from 11:11 to 12:20; Claude Duplain for John Richardson from 12:20 to 13:03; Robert Bertrand for Tony Tirabassi; Vic Toews for Garry Breitkreuz; Leon Benoit for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Jim Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global and Security Policy.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Jim Wright made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, February 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESS:

As Individual:

J. P. Joseph Maingot.





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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Harold Macklin, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Joe Jordan from 16:51 to 17:32; Marlene Jennings for Carolyn Parrish; Guy St-Julien for John Ricardson from 15:36 to 16:20; Robert Bertrand for John Richardson from 16:20 to 17:32; Marcel Proulx for Tony Tirabassi; Vic Toews for Garry Breitkreuz; Brian Fitzpatrick for Cheryl Gallant; Leon Benoit for Randy White from 15:36 to 17:05; Leon Benoit for Randy White from 15:36 to 17:05; Dale Johnston for Randy White from 17:05 to 17:32; André Bachand for Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witness: As Individual: J.P. Joseph Maingot.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Joseph Maingot made a statement and answered questions.

Vic Toews gave notice of the following motion:

- That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Pierre Brien gave notice of the following motions:

- That Ms. Wendy Gilmour, Political Advisor to the Canadian Joint Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, be invited as a witness by this Committee;
- That Mr. George Young, Executive Assistant to the Minister of National Defence be invited as a witness by this Committee.

Michel Guimond gave notice of the following motion:

- That the Committee invite Commodore Thiffault as a witness in person, in Ottawa, in Tampa Bay or by teleconference.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House





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Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Paul Harold Macklin, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Sophia Leung for Paul Macklin from 12:32 to 13:00; Beth Phinney for John Richardson; Leon Benoit for Garry Breitkreuz; James Moore for Cheryl Gallant; Jason Kenney for Randy White; Robert Lanctôt for Pierre Brien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business with respect to the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

At 11:21 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:23 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference.

At 11:39 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:46 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in a televised session.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

Yvon Godin moved, - That Claude Laverdure, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister and Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet on Foreign Affairs and Defence Policy be called as a witness to the Procedure and House Affairs Committee.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Yvon Godin

Michel Guimond

Jay Hill

Jason Kenney

Robert Lanctôt

James Moore

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NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Paul Macklin

Carolyn Parrish

Geoff Regan

Beth Phinney

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

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Leon Benoit moved, - That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Debate arose thereon.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, March 14, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage—Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House





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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, March 14, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: David Pratt for Paul Macklin; Leon Benoit for Garry Breitkreuz; Beth Phinney for John Richardson; James Moore for Cheryl Gallant; Jason Kenney for Randy White.

Other Member present: Marcel Proulx.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Marcel Proulx presented a report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

Joe Jordan moved, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

The Committee resumed consideration of a motion by Leon Benoit -- That the Minister of National Defence be invited to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Debate continued.

The question being put on the motion it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Pierre Brien

NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Yvon Godin

Carolyn Parrish

Michel Guimond

David Pratt

Jay Hill

Geoff Regan

Jason Kenney

Beth Phinney

James Moore

Jacques Saada

(7)

Tony Tirabassi

(8)

Pierre Brien moved --That Ms. Wendy Gilmour, Political Advisor to the Canadian Joint Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, be invited as a witness by this Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

The question being put on the motion it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:**NAYS:**

Leon Benoit

Marlene Catterall

Pierre Brien

Joe Jordan

Yvon Godin

Carolyn Parrish

Michel Guimond

David Pratt

Jay Hill

Geoff Regan

Jason Kenney

Beth Phinney

James Moore

Jacques Saada

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Tony Tirabassi

(8)

Pierre Brien moved -- That Mr. George Young, Executive Assistant to the Minister of National Defence be invited as a witness by this Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

The question being put on the motion it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Leon Benoit

Pierre Brien

Yvon Godin

Michel Guimond

Jay Hill

Jason Kenney

James Moore

(7)**NAYS:**

Marlene Catterall

Joe Jordan

Carolyn Parrish

David Pratt

Geoff Regan

Beth Phinney

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

(8)

Michel Guimond moved -- That the Committee invite Commodore Thiffault as a witness in person, in Ottawa, in Tampa Bay or by teleconference.

Debate arose thereon.

The question being put on the motion it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Yvon Godin

Michel Guimond

Jay Hill

(3)**NAYS:**

Leon Benoit

Joe Jordan

Jason Kenney

James Moore

Carolyn Parrish

David Pratt

Geoff Regan

Beth Phinney

Carmen Provenzano

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

(11)

Jay Hill moved -- That, in light of the letter received from Mel Cappe, dated February 28, 2002, identifying Foreign Affairs Minister Graham as the Acting Minister of Defence during the absences from Canada by Defence Minister Eggleton, the Committee inquire in writing to Chief of Defence Staff General Henault and Vice-Admiral Maddison as to whether Minister Graham was briefed at any time between January 20th and January 29th 2002 about JTF2 taking prisoners and turning them over to Americans.

Debate arose thereon.

The question being put on the motion it was agreed to by a show of hands: YEAS 8; NAYS 3.

At 12:25 the sitting was suspended.

At 12: 28, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was moved -- That the Clerk prepare a report to the House indicating that the Committee has concurred that the Minister of National Defence did not intentionally mislead the House and therefore has been found not to be in contempt and that the said report be brief, unless the Minister of Foreign Affairs indicates that he was briefed.

It was moved, -- That the motion be amended by adding: "and that dissenting opinions be similarly brief."

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

It was moved, - That the motion be amended by deleting the words: "and therefore has been found not to be in contempt".

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the main motion read as follows: That the Clerk prepare a report to the House indicating that, unless the Minister of Foreign Affairs indicates that he was briefed, the Committee has concluded that the Minister of National Defence did not intentionally mislead the House and therefore has been found not to be in contempt and that the said report be brief.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that opposition parties be permitted to append a dissenting opinion to the report and that it be provided to the Clerk in both official languages and in electronic format no later than Thursday March 21, 2002.

At 13:10, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, March 21, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 56

Thursday, March 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Paul Macklin; Murray Calder for John Richardson; Vic Toews for Cheryl Gallant; Joe Clark for Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege raised on January 31, 2002 by the Member for Portage--Lisgar concerning the charge against the Minister of National Defence of making misleading statements in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 7, 2002, Meeting No. 43*).

The committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

It was moved, -- That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House; and

That the researcher and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That, notwithstanding the motion adopted on March 14, 2002, dissenting opinions be provided to the Clerk in both official languages and in electronic format no later than Friday March 22, 2002 at 9:30 am.

At 1:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, the *Forty-Ninth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, April 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of security on the Hill

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

G. Clouthier, Major-General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Service.





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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, April 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Dale Johnston for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of security on the Hill.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of security on the Hill

WITNESS:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Dawson Hovey, Assistant Commissioner, Division Commander, Division "A" National
Capital Region.





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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Dale Johnston for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms. *From the RCMP:* Dawson Hovey, Commanding Officer "A" Division; Line Carbonneau, Officer i/c Protective Operations "A" Division; Roger Brown, Officer i/c Executive/Diplomatic Protection Section, Protective Operations "A" Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of security on the Hill.

Dawson Hovey made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Private Members' Business

Report by the Chair to the House of Commons of the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business

Election of a Vice-Chair

Adoption of Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure





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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Wayne Easter for Paul Macklin.

Other Member present: Marcel Proulx.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

Marcel Proulx presented the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, -- That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Election of a Vice-Chair

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, -- That Dale Johnston be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, -- That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows, be adopted.

Report from the Chair

The Chair reported that, at its meeting of Thursday, April 18, 2002, the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs agreed to the following:

That the following points be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs:

- Update of membership of the Sub-committee on Private Members' Business
- Update of membership of the Sub-committee on Agenda and procedure
- Meeting with the delegation from the Ontario Legislative Assembly
- Security on the Hill (follow-up from last meeting)

- Main Estimates - Parliament, vote 5 (House of Commons) and Privy Council, vote 30 (Chief Electoral Officer), referred to the Committee on February 28, 2002 (as well as Report on Plans and Priorities for 2002-2003)
- Roundtable on Private Members' Business
- Broadcasting of committee proceedings
- Changes to Standing Order 107, and

That, the other items discussed be considered after the May break.

Change in membership of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, - That Rick Borotsik replace Jay Hill on the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, -- That Dale Johnston replace Garry Breitkreuz on the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

Change in membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, -- That Rick Borotsik replace Jay Hill on the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that Members of the Committee meet with members of the delegation from the Ontario Legislative Assembly immediately after the adjournment of the Committee later this day.

At 11:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, April 25, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of security on the Hill

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Gus Cloutier, Major-General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services, Parliamentary Precinct Services.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Dawson Hovey, Assistant Commissioner, Division Commander, Division A, National
Capital Region.





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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, April 25, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services. *From the RCMP:* Dawson Hovey, Commanding Officer "A" Division.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, -- That Val Meredith replace Gerry Ritz on the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of security on the Hill.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 – Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT (House of Commons)

Study of the Report on Plans and Priorities for 2002-2003 of the House of Commons Administration (Sessional Paper No. 8520-371-94)

APPEARING:

Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk;

Luc Desroches, Director General, Financial and Human Resources Directorate;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk;

Michel Thivierge, Director of Security Services.





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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Maria Minna for Paul Macklin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Peter Milliken, Speaker.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Luc Desroches, Director General, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 - Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT (House of Commons) referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 28, 2002.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee proceeded to consideration of the Report on Plans and Priorities for 2002-2003 of the House of Commons Administration (Sessional Paper No. 8520-371-94).

Peter Milliken made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, - That Vote 5, under PARLIAMENT, carry.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Chair report Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT to the House.

At 12:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 2, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the existing procedures governing Private Members' Business





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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 2, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Other Members present: Réal Ménard, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Val Meredith, Ted White, Mauril Bélanger, Keith Martin, Marcel Proulx, Derek Lee, John Bryden, Ken Epp, Gerald Keddy, Murray Calder, Paddy Torsney, Jason Kenney, Stéphane Bergeron, Bob Mills, David Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the existing procedures governing Private Members' Business.

Members of Parliament invited to participate in the roundtable discussion exchanged views with Members of the Committee.

At 1:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 – Vote 30 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada)

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada:

Jean Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;

Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Elections Financing and Corporate Services.





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Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Cheryl Gallant for John Reynolds; Stéphane Bergeron for Michel Guimond from 11:46 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Elections Financing and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 - Vote 30 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada) referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 28, 2002.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:44 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, May 9, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 – Vote 30 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada)

Report by the Chair of Vote 30 under PRIVY COUNCIL to the House of Commons

Study of Bill S-34, An Act respecting royal assent to bills passed by the Houses of Parliament

Report by the Chair of Bill C-34 to the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.

Privy Council Office:

Ron Wall, Director, Parliamentary Operations, Legislation and House Planning.





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Meeting No. 64

Thursday, May 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Wayne Easter, Michel Guimond, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Geoff Regan, Halifax West; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.
From the Privy Council Office: Ronald Wall, Director, Parliamentary Relations; Simon Ruel, Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 - Vote 30 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada) referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 28, 2002.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, - That Vote 30, under PRIVY COUNCIL, carry.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Chair report Vote 30, under PRIVY COUNCIL, to the House.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Friday, April 19, 2002, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of Bill S-34, An Act respecting royal assent to bills passed by the Houses of Parliament.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the Preamble and Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Geoff Regan made a presentation and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee commenced clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, clauses 2 to 7 carried.

Clause 1 carried.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill S-34 to the House.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed that the Clerk of the House be instructed to draft Standing Order changes arising out of the adoption of Bill S-34.

At 11:38 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, May 23, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House of Commons Committees

Report by the Chair to the House of Commons

Study of proposals on changes to Standing Order 107

Report by the Chair to the House of Commons

Committee Business

WITNESSES:

Bangladesh:

Illias Ali, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh Nationalist Party;

Al-haj Abdul Alim, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh Nationalist Party;

Al-Hajj Md. Jahed Ali Chowdhury (Whip, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh Nationalist Party;

Hon. Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar, Speaker, Parliament of Bangladesh.



Republic of Malawi:

G.M. Lowe, Member, Malawi Congress Party, National Assembly;

Hon. Sam Mpasu, Speaker, National Assembly;

Hon. E.M.K. Mtafu, United Democratic Front, National Assembly.

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: John Bryden for Joe Jordan; Mauril Bélanger for Carolyn Parrish; Alan Tonks for Geoff Regan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:21 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:25 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the report from the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Report from the Chair**The Sub-Committee on Agenda and procedure met on Tuesday May 21 and agreed:**

1. That the Committee consider Broadcasting of Committee proceedings at its May 23rd meeting and report to the House;
2. That the Committee meet informally with delegations from Malawi and Bangladesh after its May 23rd meeting;
3. That the Committee meet *in camera* on Tuesday May 28th to consider the results of the roundtable on Private Members' Business;
4. That the Committee continue its study of Security on the Hill and that the Chair set up a visit to RCMP Headquarters on Thursday May 30th;
5. That the Committee consider changes to Standing Order 107 at its May 23rd meeting and report to the House;
6. That the Chair write to Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley about the apparent premature and unauthorised

disclosure of proposals of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for New Brunswick and circulate a draft letter at its May 23rd meeting;

7. That the Chair write to Mr. Mauril Bélanger and Mr. John Bryden to inform them that the Committee has declined their requests to appear before the Committee and that the Committee will be considering amendments to Private Members' Business;
8. That the Chair write to Mr. Paul Szabo to inform him that the Committee is in receipt of his suggestion for changes to Standing Orders pertaining to the Adjournment proceedings and his proposals will be considered at the next general review of the Standing Orders of the House; and
9. And that the future agenda will be finalised after the May 28th meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

Jacques Saada moved, -- That the report be amended by replacing paragraph 7 with the following:

That the Chair write to Mr. Mauril Bélanger and Mr. John Bryden concerning their request to appear before the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Mauril Bélanger moved, -- That the report be amended by deleting, in paragraph 3, the words: *in camera*.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Mauril Bélanger

John Bryden

Marlene Catterall

Yvon Godin

John Richardson

Jacques Saada

Tony Tirabassi

Alan Tonks

(8)

NAYS:

Rick Borotsik

Dale Johnston

Michel Guimond

(3)

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, -- That the report of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3), the Committee proceeded to the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, -- That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report and that the Chair present it to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3), the Committee proceeded to consideration of proposals on changes to Standing Order 107.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, -- That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report and that the Chair present it to the House.

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

On Thursday May 9, 2002, the House agreed to amend the motion for second reading of Bill C-55 by replacing the words "The Standing Committee on Transport and Government Operations" with the words "a legislative Committee." Pursuant to Standing Order 113, this Committee has to meet within five sitting days after commencement of debate on a motion to refer a bill to a legislative Committee and must then report a list of members to the House no later than the following Thursday. Consequently, we have until next Thursday, May 30 to report to the House on this matter and I would ask the Whips to bring their list at Tuesday's meeting.

Pursuant to the Order made earlier this day, the Committee agreed to meet informally with representatives of the delegations of Malawi and Bangladesh after today's meeting.

At 11:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the existing procedures governing Private Members' Business

Report by the Chair to the House of Commons in relation to the striking of a Legislative Committee for Bill C-55





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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Wayne Easter, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, John Reynolds, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Beth Phinney for Carolyn Parrish; Tony Valeri for Geoff Regan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the existing procedures governing Private Members' Business.

Dale Johnston moved that the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:22 am, the sitting was suspended.

At 11:23 am, the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report in relation to the striking of a Legislative Committee for Bill C-55.

It was agreed, -- That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of the existing procedures governing Private Members' Business.

It was agreed, -- That this committee ask the sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure to draft procedures allowing for all private members business to be eligible for votable status leaving members the option to designate items to be non-votable and that the sub-committee consider the round table discussions of May 2, 2002 and report back to this committee no later than June 13, 2002.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 12:10 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Wayne Easter, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Marcel Proulx for Joe Jordan; Guy St-Julien for Geoff Regan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Committee considered a Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

It was agreed, -- That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

The Committee considered a Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

It was agreed, -- That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Monday, May 27, 2002, and to Standing Orders 104 and 114, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on the membership of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates and of the Standing Committee on Transport.

It was agreed, -- That the Report be adopted as the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, the *Sixty-First Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Wayne Easter, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, John Reynolds, John Richardson and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Diane Marleau for Marlene Catterall; Mac Harb for Geoff Regan; Larry Bagnell for Tony Tirabassi; Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of security on the Hill.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3), consideration of security on the Hill.

It was agreed that the Chair write a letter to Major General Cloutier on the subject of access to the Hill for school visits.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3), the Committee resumed consideration of the existing procedures governing Private Members' Business.

The Chair presented the Third Report of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure.

It was agreed, -- That the Third Report of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted as the Committee's report and that the Chair present it to the House

It was agreed, -- That the researcher and clerk be authorized, in consultation with the Chair, to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, -- That the researcher and clerk be authorized, in consultation with the Chair, to write an introduction to the report.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 69

Thursday, June 13, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the security on the Hill

Report by the Chair to the House of Commons





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Meeting No. 69

Thursday, June 13, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 12:12 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Jacques Saada, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Wayne Easter, Yvon Godin, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan, John Richardson, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

The Committee considered a draft report.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk and the Researcher be authorized, in consultation with the Chair, to make editorial changes without changing the substance of the Report.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Committee

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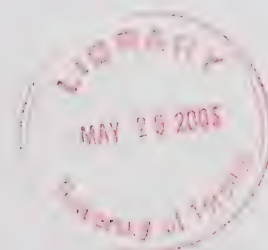
Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Robert Bertrand for Marlene Catterall; Guy St-Julien for John Richardson; Werner Schmidt for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Committees Directorate of the House of Commons: Patrice Martin, committee clerk; *From the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

Guy St-Julien, seconded by John Reynolds, moved, - That Peter Adams be elected Chair of this Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, Peter Adams took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of Vice-Chairs.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That Dale Johnston be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

On motion of Geoff Regan, it was agreed, - That Jacques Saada be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

On motion of Robert Bertrand, it was agreed, - That a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, composed of Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston and Jacques Saada, be established.

John Reynolds moved, - That the five whips be delegated the duty to act as the striking committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114, and that they be authorized to present directly to the Chair, in a report signed by all five whips, their unanimous recommendations for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

John Reynolds moved, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including two members of the opposition.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, - That, at the discretion of the Chair, and in accordance with the regulation issued by the Board of Internal Economy, reasonable travelling expenses be paid, as necessary, to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that for such payment of expenses a limit of one representative per organization be set (unless otherwise decided by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure).

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to circulate documents received only when they exist in both official languages.

The Committee commenced consideration of matters related to committee business.

At 11:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 24, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure



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Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 24, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt.

Acting Members present: André Harvey for Joe Jordan; John Harvard for Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: *From the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

The Chair presented the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 22, 2002, to discuss the future business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

Television Broadcasting of Committee Proceedings

That the Committee consider presenting a report to the House recommending that the trial period for the guidelines on the broadcasting of committee proceedings be further extended past the December 31, 2002.

2001-2002 Performance Reports

That the Chair be authorized to invite the appropriate persons to appear before the Committee on the subject of the 2001-2002 Performance Reports of the House of Commons and Elections Canada.

Security on the Hill

That, with regard to security on the Hill, the Chair meet with his Senate counterpart and obtain from the appropriate authorities information concerning visits by student groups and tourists as well as staff strength and costs of security, and that the Committee reconsider this matter subsequently.

Electoral redistribution

That, with regard to electoral boundaries readjustment, the Chair send an information letter to all Members of the House concerning the redistribution process, and that the Committee consider seeking expert advice on the process and the role of the Committee.

Private Members' Business

That the Committee appoint interim members to the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business subject to the House's concurrence in the list of associate members of the Committee.

That the Committee consider presenting a report reproducing the recommendations contained in the 66th Report of the first session of this Parliament.

Committee Elections by Secret Ballot

That the Committee consider a proposal by Mr. Reynolds to amend the Standing Orders to provide for secret ballot elections in committee.

Code of Conduct

That the Committee consider preparing a work plan to include a possible Order of Reference from the House regarding a Parliamentary code of conduct.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER ADAMS
Chair of the Subcommittee

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

After debate, on motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of Chuck Strahl, Michel Guimond, Yves Godin, Rick Borotsik, Tony Tirabassi and Marcel Proulx;

That Marcel Proulx be the Chair of the Subcommittee;

That the Subcommittee be charged with carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee under Standing Order 108(a) insofar as Private Members' Business and the consideration of business related to private bills is concerned; and

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), except power to report directly to the House.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) and to Order made earlier this day, the Committee considered the Standing Orders, procedure and practice related to the election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees.

John Reynolds moved, - That the Committee report to the House the following recommendation:

"That Standing Order 106 be amended

(a) by replacing section (2) with the following:

"(2) Each standing or special committee shall elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, of whom two shall be Members of the government party and the third a Member in opposition to the government, at the commencement of every session and, if necessary, during the course of a session."

(b) by inserting the following new section (3):

"(3) When more than one candidate is nominated for the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman of a committee, the election shall be conducted by secret ballot as follows:

(a) the clerk of the committee, who shall preside over the election, shall announce the candidates to the committee members present and provide them with ballot papers;

(b) committee members wishing to indicate their choice for Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the committee shall print the first and last name of a candidate on the ballot paper;

(c) committee members shall deposit their completed ballot papers in a box provided for that purpose;

(d) the clerk of the committee shall count the ballots and announce the name of the candidate who has received the most votes.

the majority of votes;

(e) if no candidate has received a majority of votes, a second ballot shall be taken, provided that the candidate with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the second ballot; balloting shall continue in this manner until a candidate receives a majority of votes, at which time the clerk shall destroy the ballots and in no way divulge the number of ballots cast for any candidate.”;

and that the Clerk be authorized to make any required editorial and consequential amendments.”

Debate arose.

Carolyn Parrish moved the following amendment, - That the motion be amended

by replacing, everywhere in the English version, the terms “Chairman” and “Vice-Chairman” with the terms “Chair” and “Vice-Chair”;

by replacing part (a) with the following:

“(a) by replacing section (2) with the following:

“(2) At the commencement of every session and, if necessary, during the course of a session, each standing or special committee shall elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, of whom the Chair and one Vice-Chair shall be Members of the government party and one Vice-Chair shall be a Member of the opposition. In the case of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Chair shall continue to be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party. In the case of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations, the Co-Chair acting on behalf of the House shall be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party.”; and

- by adding after the words “consequential amendments” the following:

“and that the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a review of this new procedure before a second application takes place.”

Debate arose.

Geoff Regan moved the following subamendment, - That the amendment be amended by adding after the words “In the case of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations, the Co-Chair acting on behalf of the House shall be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party.” in part (a) the following:

“Provided that the Chair and the government Vice-Chair shall be elected by the government Members and the opposition Vice-Chair shall be elected by the opposition Members of the committee.”

Debate arose.

The question was put on the subamendment and it was defeated by a show of hands: Yeas 7, Nays 8.

Debate continued on the amendment of Carolyn Parrish.

The question was put on the amendment and it was agreed to by a show of hands: Yeas 8, Nays 7.

The Committee considered the motion of John Reynolds, as amended, - - That the Committee report to the House the following recommendation:

“That Standing Order 106 be amended

(a) by replacing section (2) with the following:

“(2) At the commencement of every session and, if necessary, during the course of a session, each standing committee shall elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, of whom the Chair and one Vice-Chair shall be Members of the government party and one Vice-Chair shall be a Member of the opposition. In the case of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Chair shall continue to be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party. In the case of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations, the Co-Chair acting on behalf of the House shall be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party.”;

(b) by inserting the following new section (3):

“(3) When more than one candidate is nominated for the office of Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee, the election shall be conducted by secret ballot as follows:

(a) the clerk of the committee, who shall preside over the election, shall announce the candidates to the committee members present and provide them with ballot papers;

(b) committee members wishing to indicate their choice for Chair or Vice-Chair of the committee shall print the first and last name of a candidate on the ballot paper;

(c) committee members shall deposit their completed ballot papers in a box provided for that purpose;

(d) the clerk of the committee shall count the ballots and announce the name of the candidate who has received the majority of votes;

(e) if no candidate has received a majority of votes, a second ballot shall be taken, provided that the candidate with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the second ballot; balloting shall continue in this manner until a candidate receives a majority of votes, at which time the clerk shall destroy the ballots and in no way divulge the number of ballots cast for any candidate.”;

and that the Clerk be authorized to make any required editorial and consequential amendments and that the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a review of this new procedure before a second application takes place.”

Debate arose.

Marlene Catterall moved, - That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion as amended and the result of the vote by a show of hands was announced: Yeas 7, Nays 7.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future Business



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Tony Tirabassi.

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be authorized to hold a working dinner on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, for the purpose of selecting votable items, and that reasonable costs of that dinner be borne by the Committee's budget.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the broadcasting of committee proceedings.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, - That the Chair present a report to the House recommending that the trial period for the guidelines on the broadcasting of committee proceedings be extended until June 20, 2003.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice related to the election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of the motion of John Reynolds, as amended, - - That the Committee report to the House the following recommendation:

“That Standing Order 106 be amended

(a) by replacing section (2) with the following:

“(2) At the commencement of every session and, if necessary, during the course of a session, each standing or special committee shall elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, of whom the Chair and one Vice-Chair shall be Members of the government party and one Vice-Chair shall be a Member of the opposition. In the case of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Chair shall continue to be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party. In the case of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations, the Co-Chair acting on behalf of

the House shall be a Member of the Official Opposition and the Vice-Chairs shall be Members of the government party.”;

(b) by inserting the following new section (3):

“(3) When more than one candidate is nominated for the office of Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee, the election shall be conducted by secret ballot as follows:

- (a) the clerk of the committee, who shall preside over the election, shall announce the candidates to the committee members present and provide them with ballot papers;
- (b) committee members wishing to indicate their choice for Chair or Vice-Chair of the committee shall print the first and last name of a candidate on the ballot paper;
- (c) committee members shall deposit their completed ballot papers in a box provided for that purpose;
- (d) the clerk of the committee shall count the ballots and announce the name of the candidate who has received the majority of votes;
- (e) if no candidate has received a majority of votes, a second ballot shall be taken, provided that the candidate with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the second ballot; balloting shall continue in this manner until a candidate receives a majority of votes, at which time the clerk shall destroy the ballots and in no way divulge the number of ballots cast for any candidate.”;

and that the Clerk be authorized to make any required editorial and consequential amendments and that the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a review of this new procedure before a second application takes place.”

The question was put on the motion as amended and it was by a show of hands agreed to: YEAS 9, NAYS 6.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing 108(3)(a)(iii) and to Order made Thursday, October 24, 2002 (*Meeting No. 2*), the Committee commenced consideration of changes to the rules governing Private Members' Business.

The Chair presented a draft report containing the recommendations from the 66th Report of the Committee presented in the First Session of the 37th Parliament.

John Reynolds moved, - That the draft report be adopted and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Debate arose.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the draft report be amended in the first paragraph to recognize the concerns expressed by some Members of the House, and some Senators, with respect to a few of the recommendations contained in the report, and to acknowledge that their concerns should be addressed prior to the changes being adopted and implemented.

It was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 31, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of draft reports



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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:30 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Wayne Easter; Beth Phinney for Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee considered its future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the work plan presented by the Chair be approved.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee proceeded to the selection of items of Private Members' Business.

Michel Guimond presented a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

After debate, on motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That the Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Michel Guimond presented a second report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

After debate, on motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That the Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House as well as other related matters

APPEARING:

Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance



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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in televised session at 4:05 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Walt Lastewka for Wayne Easter.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Hon. John Manley made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, October 31, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Future Business

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House



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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:30 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Wayne Easter; Beth Phinney for Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee considered its future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the work plan presented by the Chair be approved.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee proceeded to the selection of items of Private Members' Business.

Michel Guimond presented a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

After debate, on motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That the Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Michel Guimond presented a second report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

After debate, on motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That the Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on matters relating to the election of member of electoral boundaries readjustment in Canada, and the performance report 2001-02 of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

Carol Lesage, Director, Parliamentary Representation.



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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Rob Anders for John Reynolds.

Other Member present: Dick Proctor.

Associate Member present: Stéphane Bergeron

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Elections Financing and Corporate Services; Carol Lesage, Director, Parliamentary Representation.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee considered its future business.

After debate, it was agreed, - That the work plan presented by the Chair be approved.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee considered matters related to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with Janice Vézina and Carol Lesage, answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

WITNESSES:

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:

Gerald Gerrand, Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Office of the Ethics Commissioner for Alberta:

Robert Clark, Commissioner.

As Individual:

E.N. (Ted) Hughes.



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Mac Harb for Wayne Easter; Massimo Pacetti for Carolyn Parrish; Derek Lee for Tony Tirabassi; Ken Epp for John Reynolds at 11:23 a.m.

Associate Member present: Ken Epp.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Ethics Commissioner for Alberta: Robert C. Clark, Ethics Commissioner. *From the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:* Gerald Gerrand, Conflict of Interest Commissioner. *From the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories:* The Hon. E.N. (Ted) Hughes, Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee considered its future business.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Ted Hughes and Gerald Gerrand each made a statement and, with Robert Clark, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal Services, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel Office.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister:

Martin Champoux, Legislative Assistant.



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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 6:42 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston; Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Marlene Jennings (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine).

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Marlene Jennings made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.



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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Wayne Easter; Garry Breitkreuz for Dale Johnston at 12:14 p.m.; Peter Stoffer for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 113, the Committee considered the preparation of the list of members for a legislative committee on Bill C-202, An Act to amend the Canada Health Act (linguistic duality).

It was agreed, - That the Whips of the five parties prepare a list of members of the legislative committee and that the Chair do present the list to the House as the report of the Committee.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Rob Walsh made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:14 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of changes to the rules governing Private Members' Business.

Audrey O'Brien submitted for the Committee's approval the changes to the Standing Orders required to implement the Fourth Report of the Committee, which was concurred in by the House on November 6, 2002.

Audrey O'Brien and Marie-Andrée Lajoie each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

WITNESSES:

University of Guelph:

Maureen Mancuso, Professor of Political Science.

University of Montreal:

Daniel Weinstock, professor of philosophy.

University of Saskatchewan:

Michael Atkinson, Vice-President (Academic).

York University:

Ian Greene, Professor of Political Science.

As Individual:

C.E.S. Franks.



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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Guy St-Julien and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the University of Guelph: Maureen Mancuso, professor of political science. *From the University of Saskatchewan:* Michael Atkinson, Vice-President (Academic). *From York University:* Ian Greene, professor of political science. *From the University of Montreal:* Daniel Weinstock, professor of philosophy. *As Individual:* C.E.S. Franks, former professor of political science, Queen's University.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Maureen Mancuso, Michael Atkinson, Daniel Weinstock, Ian Greene and C.E.S. Franks each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

WITNESS:

Office of the Ethics Counsellor:

Howard Wilson, Ethics Counsellor.



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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in televised session at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Werner Schmidt and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Wayne Easter; Ken Epp for Dale Johnston; Jay Hill for John Reynolds.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Ethics Counsellor: Howard R. Wilson, Ethics Counsellor.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Howard Wilson made a statement and answered questions.

The Chair presented a draft budget in the amount of \$15,000 to cover the appearance of eight witnesses and one working lunch for the purpose of considering matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Derek Lee moved, - That the draft budget in the amount of \$15,000, for the period of November 1, 2002, to March 31, 2003, be approved, and that the Chair do present the budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

Consideration of changes to the rules governing Private Member's Business

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.



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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Pierre Brien, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Wayne Easter; Robert Bertrand for Guy St-Julien; Raymond Simard for Tony Tirabassi at 11:43; Ken Epp for Dale Johnston; Garry Breitkreuz for Werner Schmidt; Gilles Perron for Michel Guimond at 12:12.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Committee considered a Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Tony Tirabassi, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That Carolyn Parrish be named Chair of the subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Reajustment.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

After debate, it was agreed, -- That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as an Interim Report and that the Chair do present it to the House.

At 11:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3), the Committee resumed consideration of changes to the rules governing Private Member's Business.

Debate arose thereon.

Carolyn Parrish moved, -- That, notwithstanding the adoption by the House of Commons of the Committee's Fourth Report on November 6, 2002, the Committee recommends that the House continue with the current system and the existing Standing Orders governing Private Members' Business - especially votability - until such time as the Special Committee on the Modernization and Improvement of the Procedures of the House of Commons completes its business and reports to the House of Commons;

and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 6.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 12, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

Consideration of Security on the Hill



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Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Werner Schmidt and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Wayne Easter; Ivan Grose for Guy St-Julien; Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

By unanimous consent, after debate, it was agreed, -- That the Committee's Interim Report, adopted on December 10, become a working document; that Ken Epp's dissenting opinion be attached to it, and that the Chair not present it to the House but that it be circulated to all Members of Parliament.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That Marcel Proulx replace Tony Tirabassi on the subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3), the Committee resumed consideration of Security on the Hill.

After debate, it was agreed that Mgen. M.G. Cloutier be invited to appear before this Committee in January 2003.

At 11:28 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Werner Schmidt.

Acting Members present: Mark Eyking for Joe Jordan; Marcel Proulx for Guy St-Julien; Benoît Sauvageau for Pierre Brien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration on matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons

Draft report concerning the reports of the electoral boundaries commissions for Newfoundland, Labrador and Saskatchewan



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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: André Harvey for Rodger Cuzner (till 11:25); Ken Epp for Werner Schmidt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

The Chair presented the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, January 30, 2003, to discuss the future business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

Code of Conduct

That representatives from Democracy Watch and the Parliamentary Spouses Association be invited to appear Thursday, February 6, 2003, on the subject of a proposed code of conduct for Members;

That the Committee commence on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, a detailed review of a proposed code of conduct with a view to preparing a preliminary draft report; and

That Members be invited to participate in a round table to discuss the preliminary draft report.

Electoral redistribution

That a report be presented to inform the House that no objections from Members were received to the reports of the electoral boundaries commissions for Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan within the 30-day period prescribed by the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Members' travel

That the proposal made by Carolyn Parrish be considered during the Committee's study of a proposed code of conduct.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER ADAMS
Chair of the Subcommittee

After debate, on motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed, - That the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in, and that the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be invited to appear at the earlier possible date on the matter of security on the Hill.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee considered matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Order made earlier this day, the Chair presented a draft report concerning the reports of the electoral boundaries commissions for Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That the Chair present the draft report to the House as the Report of the Committee.

On motion of Benoît Sauvageau, it was agreed, - That Michel Guimond replace Pierre Brien as a member of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

At 11:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 6, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Private Members' Business

Consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons

Consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standings Orders of the House

WITNESSES:

Government Ethics Coalition:

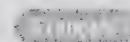
Duff Conacher, Chairperson.

Parliamentary Spouses Association:

Ron Catterall, Vice-President;

Yvonne Reynolds, Vice-President;

Mary Anne Silverthorn Finlay, President.



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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present : Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Member present : Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Government Ethics Coalition: Duff Conacher, Chairperson. *From the Parliamentary Spouses Association:* Mary Anne Silverthorn Finlay, President; Ron Catterall, Vice-President; Yvonne Reynolds, Vice-President.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee resumed consideration of Private Members' Business.

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, - That Carolyn Parrish replace Marcel Proulx as a member and Chair of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That Benoît Sauvageau replace Michel Guimond as a member of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That David Price be a member of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That Paddy Torsney replace Carolyn Parrish as a member and Chair of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment, provided that the name of Paddy Torsney be added to the list of associate members of this Committee.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Duff Conacher made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mary Anne Silverthorn Finlay made a statement and, with Ron Catterall and Yvonne Reynolds, answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Mac Harb for Guy St-Julien (till 11:42 a.m.); Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present : Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Werner Schmidt.

In attendance : From the Library of Parliament : James Robertson, Principal.

Witness : From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police : Giuliano Zaccardelli, Commissioner.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 20

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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 13, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present : Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Werner Schmidt.

Acting Members present : Alan Tonks for Geoff Regan; Maria Minna for Guy St-Julien; Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance : *From the Library of Parliament* : James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present : Ken Epp for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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Meeting No. 22

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Werner Schmidt.

Acting Member present: Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Witness: As an individual: J.P. Joseph Maingot, author of "Parliamentary Privilege in Canada".

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 20, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present : Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Members present : Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance : From the Library of Parliament : James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Member present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to distribute a preliminary version of the draft report to Members of the House, and that one or more round-table meetings be held to receive Members' views on the preliminary draft report.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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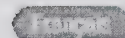
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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 27, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Benoît Sauvageau.

Other Member present: Dominic LeBlanc.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

At 11:38 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Carolyn Parrish and Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Members present: Karen Redman for Joe Jordan; Beth Phinney for Jacques Saada; Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members of the House of Commons.

It was agreed, - That the Chair present to the House, as the Report of the Committee, the draft report concerning the report of the electoral boundary commission for Prince Edward Island.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 20, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 20, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Benoît Sauvageau, Werner Schmidt and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Colleen Beaumier for Marlene Catterall; Lawrence MacAulay for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House on Thursday, February 20, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of criteria for making items of Private Members' Business non-votable.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau, Werner Schmidt and Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House on Thursday, February 20, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of criteria for making items of Private Members' Business non-votable.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to Order made by the House on Thursday, February 20, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of the membership of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

It was agreed, - That Lynn Myers be a member of the Subcommittee.

At 11:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

Members' views on the preliminary draft report

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Reg Alcock, Lib., Member from *Winnipeg South*;

John Finlay, Lib., Member from *Oxford*;

Gerald Keddy, PC, Member from *South Shore*;

Alexa McDonough, NDP, Member from *Halifax*.



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Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 7:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Alexa McDonough, Halifax; Gerald Keddy, South Shore; Reg Alcock, Winnipeg South; John Finlay, Oxford.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Pursuant to Order made Tuesday, February 25, 2003, the Committee received Members' views on the preliminary draft report.

At 8:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Diane Ablonczy, Canadian Alliance, Member from *Calgary—Nose Hill*;

Derek Lee, Lib., Member from *Scarborough—Rouge River*;

John Williams, Canadian Alliance, Member from *St. Albert*.



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Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 12:08 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Member present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

Other Members present: Paul Crête; Louis Plamondon.

Associate Member present: Stéphane Bergeron.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, analyst.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Derek Lee, John Williams, Diane Ablonczy.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

APPEARING:

The Honourable Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons



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Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin; Michel Gauthier for Benoît Sauvageau; Ted White for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Hon. Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Kathy O'Hara, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government; Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

The Chair presented the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

The Subcommittee met on Thursday, March 27, 2003, to discuss the future business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

Security on the Hill

That the Sergeant-at-Arms be invited to appear at an *in camera* meeting to provide the Committee with an update on security arrangements since the commencement of the war with Iraq.

Conflict of Interest Code

That Wednesday, April 2, 2003, be the last day for receiving written and oral input from Members regarding the preliminary draft report on a conflict of interest code for Members of the House; and

That the Committee then proceed to prepare a report to the House.

Bill C-24

That the Minister responsible for the Bill be invited to appear on Thursday, April 3,

2003; and

That the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada be invited to appear on Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER ADAMS
Chair of the Subcommittee

It was agreed, — That the Report be amended in the third paragraph to read as follows:

"That Friday, April 4, 2003, be the last day for receiving written input from Members regarding the preliminary draft report on a conflict of interest code for Members of the House; and"

It was agreed, — That the Report, as amended, be concurred in.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday March 18, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing).

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

James Sprague, Senior Practitioner and General Counsel;

Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services.





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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John Wright, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services; James Sprague, Senior Practitioner and General Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing).
(See *Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with Janice Vézina and James Sprague, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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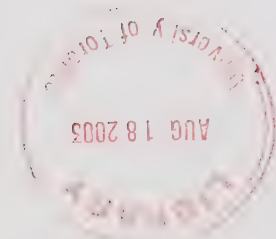
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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 5:41 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Massimo Pacetti for Jacques Saada; Ken Epp for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Research Assistant.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That part of the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and the Chair do present the Report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

At 7:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Democracy and Corporate Accountability Commission:

Hon. Ed Broadbent, Co-Chair.

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:

Walter Robinson, Federal Director.

Democracy Watch:

Aaron Freeman, Board Member.





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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 33-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, the Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: From Democracy Watch: Aaron Freeman, Board Member. From the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation: Walter Robinson, Federal Director. From the Canadian Democracy and Corporate Accountability Commission: Hon. d Broadbent, Co-Chair.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, an Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Fair Vote Canada:

Karen Etheridge, Member of the National Council;

Nancy Peckford, Member of the National Council.

Fraser Institute:

Filip Palda, Senior Fellow.

As Individual:

Tom Kent, Fellow, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University.



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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in televised session at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Fraser Institute: Filip Palda, Senior Fellow. *From Fair Vote Canada:* Nancy Peckford, member of the National Council; Karen Etheridge, member of the National Council. *As an individual:* Tom Kent, Fellow, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee considered its future business.

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting resumed in non-televised session.

The Committee resumed consideration of its future business.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

"Bloc Québécois":

Lorraine Godin, Chief Agent.

Canadian Action Party:

Paul Hellyer, Party Leader.

Canadian Alliance:

Thomas Jarmyn, Past national counsellor;

Jerry Rice, Secretary.

Communist Party of Canada:

Miguel Figueroa, Party Leader.



Liberal Party of Canada:

Edward Goldenberg, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister;
Terrance Mercer, National Director.

Marijuana Party:

Hugô St-Onge, Chief Agent.

Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada:

Anna Di Carlo, Secretary.

National Alternative Party of Canada:

Gilles Lavoie, Party Leader.

New Democratic Party:

Eric Hébert, Assistant Federal Secretary;
Chris Watson, Federal Secretary.

Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:

Irving Gerstein, Chair, PC Canada Fund;
Paul Lepsoe, Legal Advisor.

The Green Party of Canada:

Julian West, Organizing Chair.



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Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in televised session at 5:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Michel Gauthier for Benoît Sauvageau; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: *From the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Officer. *From the Committees Directorate:* Rémi Bourgault, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: *From the Bloc Québécois:* Lorraine Godin, Chief Agent. *From the Canadian Action Party:* Paul Hellyer, Party Leader. *From the Canadian Alliance:* Jerry Rice, Secretary; Thomas Jarmyn, past national counsellor. *From the Communist Party of Canada:* Miguel Figueroa, Party Leader. *From The Green Party of Canada:* Julian West, Organizing Chair. *From the Liberal Party of Canada:* Terrance M. Mercer, National Director; Edward Goldenberg, Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the Prime Minister. *From the Marijuana Party:* Hugô St-Onge, Chief Agent. *From the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada:* Anna Di Carlo, Secretary. *From the New Democratic Party:* Chris Watson, Federal Secretary; Dr. Éric Hébert, Assistant Federal Secretary. *From the National Alternative Party of Canada:* Gilles Lavoie, Party Leader. *From the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:* Irving Gerstein, Chair, PC Canada Fund; Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 9:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 1st, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Auto Workers Union:

Peggy Nash, Assistant to the President.

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

David Stewart-Patterson, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Communications.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Hassan Yussuff, Secretary-Treasurer.



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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 1, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in televised session at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Marcel Proulx for Joe Jordan; Mac Harb for Carolyn Parrish; Paddy Torsney for Carolyn Parrish (at 12:16 p.m.); Andy Savoy for Guy St-Julien (at 12:16 p.m.); Ted White for Werner Schmidt; Michel Gauthier for Benoît Sauvageau; Robert Lanctôt for Benoît Sauvageau (at 12:29 p.m.); Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Labour Congress: Hassan Yussuff, Secretary-Treasurer; Murray Randall, Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer. *From the Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* David Stewart-Patterson, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Communications. *From the Canadian Auto Workers Union:* Peggy Nash, Assistant to the President.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

Ted White moved, - That Stephen LeDrew, President of the Liberal Party of Canada, be summoned to appear before the Committee to give evidence regarding Bill C-24.

A debate arose.

By unanimous consent, it was ordered, - That the debate be adjourned until later in this sitting after the witnesses have been heard.

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the sitting resumed in non-televised session.

Conformément à l'ordre adopté plus tôt dans la séance, le Comité reprend l'étude de la motion de Ted White, - Que Stephen LeDrew, président du Parti libéral du Canada, soit cité à comparaître devant le Comité pour témoigner au sujet du projet de loi C-24.

Du consentement unanime, Ted White retire sa motion.

Ted White propose, - Que le président de chaque parti représenté à la Chambre des communes soit cité à comparaître devant le Comité pour témoigner au sujet du projet de loi C-24.

Il s'élève un débat.

Jacques Saada propose, - Que le débat soit maintenant ajourné.

Le motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée par le vote par appel nominal suivant :

POUR : Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Andy Savoy, Paddy Torsney - (8); CONTRE : Rick Borotsik, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Robert Lanctôt, Dick Proctor, John Reynolds, Ted White - (7).

Le Comité discute de ses travaux futurs.

À 13 heures, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par le président.

Le greffier du Comité

Thomas Hall

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Mount Allison University:

William Cross, Professor of Political Science.

York University:

Robert MacDermid, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science.

As Individual:

François Côté, Lawyer.



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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: As an individual: François Côté, Lawyer. *From Mount Allison University:* William Cross, Professor of Political Science. *From York University:* Robert MacDermid, Professor of Political Science.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Manitoba

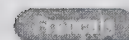
Study of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for New Brunswick

Consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Mel Hurtig.



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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 5:41 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: As an individual: Mel Hurtig.

Pursuant to the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-3, the Committee commenced consideration of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Manitoba.

The Committee commenced consideration of the report of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, - That the report of the Subcommittee be the report of the Committee and that the Chair do present it to the House.

Pursuant to the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-3, the Committee commenced consideration of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for New Brunswick.

The Committee commenced consideration of the report of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, - That the report of the Subcommittee be the report of the Committee and that the Chair do present it to the House.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Chair presented a draft budget in the amount of \$30,000 to cover witnesses' expenses for the months of April and May 2003.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, - That the draft budget in the amount of \$30,000 for the months of April and May 2003 be approved.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, May 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

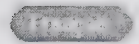
Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing).

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec:

Marcel Blanchet, Chief Electoral Officer and President of the Commission for Electoral Representation;

Octavio Soares, Assistant and Director of Political Party Financing.



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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, May 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Bernard Bigras for Michel Guimond (from 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.); Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Officer. *From the Committees Directorate:* Rémi Bourgault, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec: Marcel Blanchet, Chief Electoral Officer and President of the Commission for Electoral Representation; Octavio Soares, Assistant and Director of Political Party Financing.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

Marcel Blanchet made a statement and, with Octavio Soares, answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing).

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

John Bryden, Lib., Member from *Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Aldershot*;

The Honourable Charles Caccia, Lib., Member from *Davenport*;

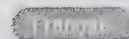
Stan Keyes, Lib., Member from *Hamilton West*;

Judi Longfield, Lib., Member from *Whitby—Ajax*;

Val Meredith, Canadian Alliance, Member from *South Surrey—White Rock—Langley*;

Judy Sgro, Lib., Member from *York West*;

Joseph Volpe, Lib., Member from *Eglinton—Lawrence*.



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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 5:44 p.m. this day, in Room 53-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

Associate Member present: Marcel Proulx.

Other Members present: Walt Lastewka, John McKay, Tom Wappel, Paul Steckle and Tony Valeri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Stan Keyes, Hamilton West; Val Meredith, South Surrey—White Rock—Langley; Joseph Volpe, Eglinton—Lawrence; Judy Sgro, York West; Judi Longfield, Whitby--Ajax; John Bryden, Lancaster--Dundas--Flamborough--Aldershot; Hon. Charles L. Caccia, Davenport.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing).

WITNESSES:

Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec:

Michel Arsenault, Vice-President;

Émile Vallée, Political Advisor.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario:

John Hollins, Chief Election Officer;

David McClure, Manager, Electoral Financing.

Parti Québécois:

Martin Dubé, Director General.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 5:41 p.m. this day, in Room B-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Guest Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Michel Gauthier for Benoît Sauvageau; Dick Proctor for Yvon Dineen.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario: John Hollins, Chief Election Officer; David McClure, Manager, Electoral Financing. From the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ): Michel Arseneault, Vice-President; Émile Vallée, Political Advisor. From the Parti Québécois: Martin Dubé, Director General.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (See *Minutes of Proceedings*, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

John Hollins, Michel Arseneault and Martin Dubé each made a statement and, with David McClure and Émile Vallée, answered questions.

At 7:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, May 15, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

APPEARING:

Hon. Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.



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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, May 15, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Carolyn Parrish, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: John O'Reilly for Peter Adams; Bob Speller for Lynn Myers; Larry Bagnell for Guy St-Julien; Rick Casson for Dale Johnston; Michel Gauthier for Benoît Sauvageau; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant. *From the Committees Directorate:* Rémi Bourgault, Committee Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and, with Michèle René de Cotret, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.



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Meeting No. 44

Friday, May 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Honourable Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, John Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

Guest Members present: Ted White for Werner Schmidt; Caroline St-Hilaire for Benoît Sauvageau (at 11:07 a.m.); Caroline St-Hilaire for Michel Guimond (at 12:30 p.m.); Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin; Gerald Keddy for Rick Borotsik.

Guests: From the Privy Council Office: Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.
From the Committees Directorate: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee commenced clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1,

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 1 with the following:

(1) The definition "contribution" in subsection 2(1) of the *Canada Elections Act* is replaced by the following:

"contribution" means a monetary contribution or a non-monetary contribution, but does not include a contribution received from a corporation or a trade union.

(2) Subsection 2(1) of the Act is amended by adding the following in

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 1 with the following:

(1) The definition "contribution" in subsection 2(1) of the *Canada Elections Act* is replaced by the following:

"contribution" means a monetary or a non-monetary contribution, but does not include the following:

(a) admission fees and expenses of political events and meetings of up to \$200 per day;

(b) paid leave of absences for a person to run as a candidate;

(c) voluntary services of a person as an auditor, financial agent, official agent or legal counsel to a party, electoral district association, leadership contestant, nomination contestant or candidate;

(d) party membership fees of \$50 or less per annum; or

(e) radio or television air time, space in a newspaper or on a website, where offered to all parties represented in the House of Commons or which received at least 5% of the vote at the last general election.

(2) Subsection 2(1) of the Act is amended by adding the following in”

A debate arose.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was amended by deleting the following words in paragraph (e):

“represented in the House of Commons or”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was negatived.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 1, be amended by

(a) replacing line 4 on page 1 with the following:

“1. (1) Subsection 2(1) of the *Canada Elections*”

(b) adding after line 23 on page 2 the following:

“(2) Section 2 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (4):

(5) If, in any provision of this Act, a reference to another provision of this Act or a provision of any other Act is followed by words in parentheses that are or purport to be descriptive of the subject-matter of the provision referred to, those words form no part of the provision in which they occur but are inserted for convenience of reference only.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 2 with the following:

“ination contest report filed quarterly in accordance”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

On Clause 2,

Michel Guimond moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 24 on page 2 with the following

(1) Subsection 24(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a returning officer for each electoral district and may remove him or her only for cause under subsection (7).

(1.1) The returning officer shall be appointed, after a public competition,

(a) among the electors domiciled in the electoral district concerned; or

(b) among the electors domiciled in a contiguous electoral district, if the person is able to perform the duties in as satisfactory a manner as if the person were domiciled in the electoral district for which he or she is appointed.

(2) The competition referred to in subsection (1.1) shall be designed to allow impartial consideration of the merits of all candidates. The selection shall be based on criteria of qualification and competence, and the appointment shall be made according to the order of merit of the candidates.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall publish a notice of the competition to allow every qualified person an opportunity to apply.

(4) The term of office of a returning officer is ten years, but the returning officer shall remain in office, despite the expiration of that term, until he or she is reappointed or replaced.

(5) On the appointment of a returning officer, the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish a notice of it in the *Canada Gazette*.

(6) Subsection 24(4) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(4) The office of a returning officer is not vacant unless the returning officer dies, resigns, ceases to reside in the electoral district, completes his or her term of office or is removed from office, or unless the boundaries of the returning officer's electoral district are revised as a result of a representation order made under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*.

(7) Subsection 24(6) of the Act is replaced by

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Amendment 2 carried on division.

Michel Guimond moved, -- That Bill C-24 be amended by adding after line 34 on page 2 the following new clause:

2.1 Section 25 of the Act is replaced by the following:

25. Between the 1st and 20th days of January in each year, the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish in the *Canada Gazette* a list of the name, address and occupation of the returning officer for each electoral district in Canada."

Debate arose.

Marlene Catterall moved the following subamendment, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing the words "name, address" with the following:

“name”.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the subamendment and the amendment were withdrawn.

Clauses 3 to 12 carried severally.

On Clause 13,

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 5 with the following:

“12 electoral districts.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Ted White, Michel Guimond, Benoît Sauvageau, Dick Proctor – 4;

NAYS: Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, G St-Julien, Gerald Keddy – 9.

By unanimous consent, Clause 13 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 14,

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 5 with the following:

“(h) a quarterly statement required by subsection”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment and Clause 14 were allowed to stand.

Clauses 15 to 17 carried severally.

On Clause 18,

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 18, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 6 with the following:

“which shall be at least 60 days after the date of”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 18, be amended by adding after line 26 on page 6 the following:

“(3) The notice under subsection (1) shall be sent by registered mail or by a method of courier service that provides proof of mailing, a record while in transit and a record of delivery.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 18, as amended, carried.

On Clause 19,

Mr. Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 32 on page 6 the following:

“... doit publier dans la *Gazette du Canada* sans délai un avis”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 19, as amended, carried.

Clauses 20 to 22 carried severally.

At 2:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

New Democratic Party:

Adam Giambrone, President;

Chris Watson, Federal Secretary.

Privy Council Office:

Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel;

Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:

Bruck Easton, National President;

Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel.

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eting No. 45

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 237-Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien.

Invited Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Rob Anders for Werner Schmidt; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Blais.

Attendance: *From the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant. *From the Committees Directorate:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Business: *From the New Democratic Party:* Adam Giambrone, President; Chris Watson, Federal Secretary. *From the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:* Bruck Easton, National President; Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel. *From the Privy Council Office:* Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Management/Counsel; Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel, Political Financing Reform Team (Legal Operations/Counsel).

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee discussed its future business.

Adam Giambrone, Bruck Easton and Paul Lepsoe each made a statement and, with Chris Watson, answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-3, the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the reports of the electoral boundaries commissions.

The Chair presented a draft report requesting an extension of the period provided for the consideration of objections to the report of the commission for Alberta.

It was agreed, - That the draft report be the report of the Committee and that the Chair do present the report to the House.

At 5:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 23,

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 8 the following:

“(2) An electoral district association of a registered party is not required to register or submit an annual return where the total contributions to the association are less than \$10,000 per annum.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 8 with the following:

“(a) the full name of the association and of the electoral district;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Lorne Nystrom moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 13 on page 9 with the following:

“403.04 An electoral district association of a registered party may accept contributions during an election period.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 29 on page 9 with the following:

“the effective date of the registration; and

(b) a declaration in the prescribed form by”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 32 on page 9 the following:

“403.051 No financial agent of a registered association shall make a declaration referred to in paragraph 403.05(b) if the agent knows or ought to have known that the statement referred to paragraph 403.05(a) is not complete and accurate.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment, in the English version, was amended by adding after the word “ought” the following:

“reasonably”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

off Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 10 with the following:

to accept contributions and to incur and pay expenses on"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 38 on page 10 the following:

3) A person may be appointed as official agent or auditor for a leadership contestant notwithstanding that the person is a member of a partnership that has been appointed as an auditor, in accordance with this Act for the registered party."

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was amended by replacing the words "official agent or auditor for a leadership contestant" with the following:

agent for a registered association"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 12 with the following:

403.17 On or before April 30 of every year,"

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Nystrom moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 12 with the following:

403.17 On or before May 31 of every year, unless an election campaign is in process on that date, in which case the date shall be July 31,"

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was amended by adding after the word "process" the following:

in that electoral district"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

off Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 32 on page 14 with the following:

3.22 (1) If the boundaries of an electoral district are revised as a result of a representation order under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, a registered association for the electoral district may, before the day on which the representation order comes into force under subsection 25(1) of that Act, file with the Chief Electoral Officer a notice that it will be continued as the registered association for a particular electoral district described in the representation order. The notice must be accompanied by a consent signed by the leader of the registered party with which it is affiliated.

If a notice has been filed under subsection (1), on the coming into force of the representation order, the registered association is continued as the registered association for the electoral district specified in the notice and assumes all the rights and obligations of the association for the former electoral district.

Any registered association in an electoral district whose boundaries are revised as a result of a representation order

under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* that does not give a notice under subsection (1) is deregistered on the day on which the representation order comes into force under subsection 25(1) of that Act and, despite paragraph 403.01(c), may transfer goods or funds to the registered party with which it is affiliated or to any of its registered associations in the six months after that day. Any such transfer is not a contribution for the purposes of this Act.

(4) As soon as a proclamation is issued under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* relating to a representation order, an application may be made under section 403.02 for the registration of an electoral district association for an electoral district that is created by - or whose boundaries are revised as a result of - the order. Any resulting registration does not take effect before the order comes into force.

(5) The applicant in an application referred to in subsection (4) is deemed to be an electoral district association as of the date on which the application is received by the Chief Electoral Officer.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 36 on page 14 with the following:

“Chief Electoral Officer shall so notify in writing the”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was amended by adding after the words “in writing” the following

“, by registered mail or by a method of courier service that provides a proof of mailing, a record while in transit and a record of delivery, the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 14 with the following:

“which shall be at least 60 days after the day on”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 16 with the following:

“within eighteen months after payment of it is due.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Michel Guimond moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 43 on page 18 and lines 1 to 7 on page 19 with the following:

“subsection 403.37(1); and

(c) a declaration in the prescribed form by the financial agent that the financial transaction return is complete and accurate,”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

On Clause 23,

unanimous consent, Michel Guimond moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by deleting lines 12 to 39 on page 29 and lines 1 to 15 on page 30.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

At 3:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, May 29, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House
Planning/Counsel;

Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, May 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Rick Borotsik, Marlene Catterall; Roger Cuzner; Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Tony Tirabassi for Marlene Catterall (at 12:31 p.m.); Andy Savoy for Rodger Cuzner (at 12:25 p.m.); Mac Harb for Guy St-Julien; Alan Tonks for Guy St-Julien (at 11:49 a.m.); Ted White for Dale Johnston; Michel Gauthier for Michel Guimond; Bernard Bigras for Michel Guimond (at 12:51 p.m.); Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant. *From the Committees Directorate:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-3, the Committee commenced consideration of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia.

The Committee commenced consideration of the report of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

On motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed, - That the report of the Subcommittee be the report of the Committee and that the Chair do present it to the House.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31*).

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 25,

The Committee resumed debate on the following amendment:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by deleting lines 12 to 39 on page 29 and lines 1 to 15 on page 30.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 9.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore were also negatived:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 43 on page 18 and lines 1 to 7 on page 19 with the following:

“subsection 403.37(1); and

(c) a declaration in the prescribed form by the financial agent that the financial transactions return is complete and accurate.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 18 on page 19 with the following:

“the registered association;

(b) the number of contributors;

(c) the name and address of each contributor who made”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by deleting lines 24 to 27 on page 19.

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 39 on page 20 with the following:

“the Receiver General, if the name of the contributor of a contribution of more than \$10 or the name or address of a contributor having made contributions of a total amount of more than \$200 is not known.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by deleting lines 25 to 43 on page 24 and lines 1 to 20 on page 25.

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 21 and 22 on page 26 with the following:

“received in accordance with section”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 27 with the following:

“subsection 405(1), in effect for”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 7 and 8 on page 28 with the following:

“(2) The amount set out in subsection 405(1) shall be multiplied by the”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 12 and 13 on page 28 with the following:

“(a) in the case referred to in paragraph 405(1)(a), during”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 31 and 32 on page 28 with the following:

“a limit set out in”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 3 to 7 on page 57 with the following:

“(f) a statement of the contributions received by the candidate;”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 35 to 38 on page 57 with the following:

“slips, cancelled cheques and the candidate's written statement”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing lines 4 to 9 on page 58 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$10 or the name or address of a contributor having made contributions of a total amount of more than \$200 is not known.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 13 on page 69 with the following:

“by the nomination contestant;

(e) the number of contributors;”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by deleting lines 21 to 24 on page 69.

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing lines 38 to 41 on page 69 with the following:

“deposit slips, cancelled cheques and the contestant's”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing lines 40 to 43 on page 70 and lines 1 to 7 on page 71 with the following:

“Receiver General, if the name of the contributor of a contribution of more than \$10 or the name or the address of the contributor having made contributions of a total amount of more than \$200 is not known.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by deleting lines 31 to 33 on page 86.

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 65, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 93 with the following:

“taken into account for the purpose of subsection 405(1) of the *Cana-*”

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 23.

Joe Jordan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 43 on page 18 with the following:

“subsection 403.37(1); and”

(b) by replacing lines 3 to 7 on page 19 with the following:

“actions return is complete and accurate.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 13 and 14 on page 19 with the following:

corporations, trade unions and associations referred to in subsection 405.3(3);

(b) replacing line 17 on page 19 with the following:

(b.1) in the case of a contributor that is an association referred to in subsection 405.3(3),

(i) the name and address of the association, the amount of its contribution and the date on which it was received by the registered association, and

(ii) the name and address of each individual whose money forms part of the contribution, the amount of money provided by that individual that is included in the contribution and the date on which it was provided to the association;

(c) the name and address of each other contributor

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 19 with the following:

“\$1,275 to the registered association, that total”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 9.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore were also negatived:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 20 with the following:

“\$1,275 or the name of the chief executive”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 34, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 34 with the following:

“amount of more than \$1,275 to the registered”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 35, be amended by replacing line 3 on page 35 with the following:

“\$1,275, is not known.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 47 with the following:

“more than \$1,275 to the leadership contes-“

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 49 with the following:

“than \$1,275, is not known.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 69 with the following:

“more than \$1,275 to the nomination contes-“

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 71 with the following:

“\$1,275 or the name of the chief executive”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 71, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 95 with the following:

“more than \$1,275 to the registered associa-“

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 19 with the following:

“\$500 to the registered association, that total”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 8.

Carolyn Parrish moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 19 the following:

“(c.1) in the case of an individual that is a contributor referred to in paragraph (c), the name of that contributor's employer, and any corporation or union executive of which the contributor is a director;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by deleting lines 42 to 45 on page 19 and lines 1 and 2 on page 20.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Jacques Saada moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 45 on page 19 with the following:

« à une autre association enregistrée ou à un candidat que »

The question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 20 with the following:

“conditions on them;

(i.1) a statement that provides full disclosure of financial loans for the purposes of the campaign, including interest rates, repayment schedules and the name of the lender; and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

Rick Borotsik moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 20 the following:

“(5) Party membership fees of \$50 or less per person are not contributions to be registered.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

At 12:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 34 on page 20 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$50, the name or”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

By unanimous consent, the following amendments were stood:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 34 on page 20 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$25, the name or”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 20 with the following:

“\$500 or the name of the chief executive”

By unanimous consent, clause 23 was stood.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Michel Roy

Committee Clerk

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, May 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Liberal Party of Canada:

Michael Eizenga, Secretary-Treasurer;

Jack Graham, Vice-President;

Michael Hillman, Vice-President (British Columbia);

Benjamin Hutzel, Chief Financial Officer;

Stephen LeDrew, President.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, May 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room C-24, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Goggin, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Benoît Sauvageau.

Guest Members present: Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Peter Adams; Jeannot Castonguay for Roger Cuzner; Paul Macklin for Lynn Myers; Paddy Torsney for Guy St-Julien; Ted White for Dale Johnston; Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin (at 4:17 p.m.)

Guest Member present: Stan Keyes.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: From the Liberal Party of Canada: Stephen LeDrew, President; Jack Graham, Vice-President (English); Benjamin Hutzler, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Hillman, Vice-President (British Columbia); Michael Eizenga, Secretary-Treasurer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing). (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31.*)

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel;

Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Bob Wood for Carolyn Parrish; Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin; Gerald Keddy for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, principal; John M. Wright; Research Assistant. *From the Committees Directorate:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 24,

Joe Jordan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by deleting lines 25 to 43 on page 24 and lines 1 to 20 on page 25.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 4; NAYS, 8.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also negatived:

--That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 21 and 22 on page 26 with the following:

“received in accordance with section 405.3.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended

(a) by replacing line 32 on page 27 with the following:

“subsection 405(1), in effect for”

(b) by replacing lines 7 and 8 on page 28 with the following:

“(2) The amounts set out in subsection 405(1) shall be multiplied by the”

(c) by replacing lines 12 and 13 on page 28 with the following:

“(a) in the case referred to in paragraph 405(1) (a), during”

--That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing line 31 on page 28 with the following:

“a limit set out in”

--That Bill C-24, in Clause 65, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 93 with the following:

“subsection 405(1) of the *Cana*”

Joe Jordan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 24 with the following:

“tributions that do not exceed \$1,225 in total in”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 1; NAYS, 10.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also negatived:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 15 to 25 on page 27 with the following:

“tions that exceed \$1,225 in total in any calendar year to registered associations, nomination contestants and candidates.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 29 with the following:

“(b) the contributions do not exceed \$1,225”

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 26 to 34 on page 24 with the following:

“tributions may be made by a corporation or a trade union that do not exceed

(a) \$1,000 in total in any calendar year to the registered associations, nomination contestants and candidates of a particular registered party; and

(b) \$1,000 in total to a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate of a registered party.

(1.1) Despite paragraph (1)(a), if two elections are held in an electoral district in a calendar year and a corporation or trade union has, before the polling day of the first election, made a contribution under that paragraph to the registered association, the nomination contestants or the candidate of a particular registered party in that electoral district, the corporation or trade union may make contributions not exceeding \$1000 in total to the registered association, the nomination contestants and the candidate of

the registered party in that electoral district during the election period for the second election.

(1.2) A corporation or trade union may make contributions under subsection (1.1) in respect of the registered association, the nomination contestants and the candidate of any particular registered party in only one electoral district in any calendar year.

(1.3) Despite paragraph (1)(a), if a corporation or trade union has in any calendar year made a contribution under that paragraph to an individual who is a nomination contestant in an electoral district in a nomination contest held in that year but who is not endorsed by the registered party as its candidate, the corporation or trade union may during that year make contributions not exceeding \$1000 in total to the endorsed candidate after he or she is endorsed.

(1.4) A corporation or trade union may make contributions under subsection (1.3) in respect of the candidate of any particular registered party in respect of only one election and in only one electoral district in any calendar year.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 24 with the following:

“any calendar year to a registered party and the registered associations, nomination contestants, candidates and leadership contestants”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 14 on page 25 with the following:

“(a) a corporation;

(b) a trade union;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 4; NAYS, 7.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 25 with the following:

““trade union” means any local organization of em-”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 2; NAYS, 7.

The Committee reverted to the following amendment that was stood:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 24 with the following:

“any calendar year to a registered party and the registered associations, nomination contestants, candidates and leadership contestants”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 3; NAYS, 8.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by

(a) replacing, in the English version, lines 36 to 39 on page 25 with the following:

endorsed by the party;

(c) from a candidate endorsed by a registered party to the party or a registered association of the party; or”

(b) adding after line 39 on page 25 the following:

”(d) from a candidate to himself or herself in his or her capacity as a nomination contestant in respect of the same election.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by deleting lines 18 to 22 on page 26.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 2; NAYS, 9.

At 10:08 a.m., Carolyn Parrish took the Chair.

At 10:13 a.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 10:21 a.m, the meeting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 23.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 13 on page 9 with the following:

“period, incur expenses for election advertising, as defined in section 319.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Committee reverted to the following amendment that was stood:

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 13 on page 9 with the following:

“**403.04** An electoral district association of a registered party may accept contributions during an election period.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 3; NAYS, 8.

The Committee reverted to Clause 24.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 24 the following:

“(3) For greater certainty, contributions to and expenses of a provincial division of a registered party are contributions to and expenses of the party. Similarly, transfers to or by the division are transfers to or by the party.

(4) A provincial division of a registered party may, subject to any terms and conditions that it specifies, appoint registered agents. This Act applies to those agents as if they were registered agents appointed by the party under subsection 375(1).”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also adopted:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 39 on page 36 with the following:

“set out in the certificate. The payment may also be made in whole or in part to any provincial division of the party, as authorized in writing by the leader of the party.

(4) In this Act, “provincial division” means a division of a registered party for a province or territory in relation to which the leader of the party has provided the following to the Chief Electoral Officer:

(a) the name of the division and of the province or territory;

(b) the name of the party;

(c) the address of the office at which records of that division are maintained and to which communications may be addressed;

(d) the names and addresses of the chief executive officer and other officers of the division;

(e) the name and address of any registered agent appointed by the division; and

(f) a declaration signed by the leader of the party certifying that the division is a division of the party.

This Act applies to information provided under this subsection as if it were information referred to in paragraphs 366(2)(a) to (h).

(5) Within 15 days after a change in the information referred to in subsection (4), the chief executive officer of the provincial division shall report the change in writing to the chief agent of the registered party.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 6 on page 81 the following:

“(q.011) being the chief executive officer of a provincial division, contravenes subsection 435.02(5) (failure to report provincial division changes);”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 73, be amended by replacing lines 10 and 11 on page 96 with the following:

“a registered party, a provincial division of a registered party, a registered association or a candidate, as those terms are defined in that Act,”

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 26 the following:

“(5) The provision, by an employer who is eligible to make a contribution, of a paid leave of absence during an election period to an employee for the purpose of allowing the employee to be a nomination contestant or candidate is not a contribution.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

At 10:34 a.m., Peter Adams resumed the Chair.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 26 the following:

“(6) The payment by an individual of a fee of not more than \$25 per year for membership in a registered party is not a contribution..”

By unanimous consent the amendment was stood.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 26 with the following:

“ferred to a particular leadership contestant, except for the purpose of running nomination meetings and other events to which all the nomination or leadership candidates are invited to participate in.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, Clause 24 was stood.

On Clause 25,

Carolyn Parrish moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 14 to 25 on page 27 with the following:

“**405.** (1) No individual shall make contributions that exceed

(a) \$5,000 in total in any calendar year to a particular registered party and its registered associations, nomination contestants and candidates or that exceed \$250 to any one registered association, nomination contestant or candidate of such party in any calendar year;

(b) \$250 in total to a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate for a registered party;
and

(c) \$5,000 in total to the leadership contestants in a particular leadership contest.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

By unanimous consent, the following amendments were stood:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended

by replacing line 16 on page 27 with the following:

“(a) \$5,000 in total in any calendar year to”

(b) by replacing line 20 on page 27 with the following:

“(b) \$5,000 in total to a candidate for a”

(c) by replacing line 23 on page 27 with the following:

“(c) 5,000 in total to the leadership”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 26 on page 27 with the following:

“(a) \$1,225 in total in any calendar year to registered associations, nomination contestants and candidates; and

(b) \$1,225 in total to a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate of a registered party.

(1.1) No individual, trade union or corporation shall make contributions that exceed:

(a) \$10,000 in total to the leadership contestants in a particular leadership contest; and

(b) \$25,000 in total in any calendar year to a registered party.

(2) Subsections (1) and (1.1) do not apply to con-”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 23 on page 27 with the following:

“(a) \$5,000 in total in any calendar year to all registered parties and their registered associations, nomination contestants and candidates;

(b) \$5,000 in total to a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate of a registered party; and

(c) \$5,000 in total to the leadership”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 27 with the following:

“(a) \$3,000 in total in any calendar year to”

(b) by replacing line 20 on page 27 with the following:

“(b) \$3,000 in total to a candidate for a”

(c) by replacing line 23 on page 27 with the following:

“(c) \$3,000 in total to the leadership”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 16 and 17 on page 27 with the following:

“(a) \$3,000 in total in any calendar year to all registered parties and their regis-”

(b) by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 27 with the following:

“(b) \$3,000 in total to all candidates for a particular election who are not the candidates”

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 27 the following:

“(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), a contribution to a person who presents himself or herself as seeking the endorsement of a particular registered party shall be treated as a contribution referred to in paragraph (1)(a) to a candidate of that party and a contribution to a person who presents himself or herself as seeking to be a candidate not endorsed by any registered party shall be treated as a contribution referred to in paragraph (1)(b).”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 27 the following:

“**405.01** Despite sections 404.1 and 405, a contribution in the form of services is permitted and is not a contribution for the purposes of this Act, except section 407, where it is from a corporation the majority of the shares of which are held directly or indirectly by an individual, or from an association in which the individual has an ownership interest;

(a) it is from a corporation the majority of the shares of which are held directly or indirectly by an individual, or from an association in which the individual has an ownership interest;

(b) the services are rendered wholly or largely through the skill and effort of that individual;

(c) the services are of a type, or are ancillary to a type, that is normally performed by that individual for or through the corporation or association; and

(d) the individual is not remunerated by the corporation or association for the performance of the particular services contributed.

405.02 Despite section 404.1, a non-monetary contribution by a corporation or trade union is permitted and is not a contribution for the purposes of this Act, except section 407, where it has a commercial value of less than \$200.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 1; NAYS, 8.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by

(a) replacing line 32 on page 27 with the following:

“subsections 404.1(1) and 405(1) and paragraph 405.3(2)(b), in effect for”

(b) replacing line 8 on page 28 with the following:

”404.1(1) and 405(1) and paragraph 405.3(2)(b) shall be multiplied by the”

(c) replacing lines 12 and 13 on page 28 with the following:

”(a) in the cases referred to in paragraphs 404.1(1)(a) and 405(1)(a) and subparagraph 405.3(2)(b)(i), during”

(d) replacing lines 16 and 17 on page 28 with the following:

“(b) in the cases referred to in paragraphs 404.1(1)(b) and 405(1)(b) and subparagraph 405.3(2)(b)(ii), with respect to an election whose”

(e) replacing line 32 on page 28 with the following:

”405(1) or paragraph 405.3(2)(b); or”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 29 the following:

“(4) No person or entity shall enter into an agreement for the provision for payment of goods or services to a registered party or a candidate that includes a term that any person will make a contribution, directly or indirectly, to a registered party, a registered association, a candidate, a leadership contestant or a nomination contestant.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Joe Jordan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by deleting lines 12 to 39 on page 29 and lines 1 to 15 on page 30.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 18 and 19 on page 29 with the following:

“tered party, a registered association, a nomination contestant, a candidate or a leadership contestant;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 1; NAYS, 11.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 20 to 23 on page 29 with the following:

“(b) the contributions do not exceed

(i) \$1,000 in total in any calendar year to the recipients referred to in paragraph (a) of a particular registered party, and “

(ii) \$1,000 in total to a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate of a registered party; and”

(b) adding after line 35 on page 29 the following:

”(2.1) Despite subparagraph (2)(b)(i), if two elections are held in an electoral district in a calendar year and an association has, before the polling day of the first election, made a contribution under that subparagraph to the registered association, the nomination contestants and the candidate of a particular registered party in that electoral district, the association may make contributions not exceeding \$1000 in total to the registered association, the nomination contestants and the candidate of the registered party in that electoral district during the election period for the second election.

(2.2) An association may make contributions under subsection (2.1) in respect of the registered association, the nomination contestants and the candidate of any particular registered party in only one electoral district in any calendar year.

(2.3) Despite subparagraph (2)(b)(i), if an association has in any calendar year made a contribution under that subparagraph to an individual who is a nomination contestant in an electoral district in a nomination contest held in that year but who is not endorsed by the registered party as its candidate, the association may during that year make contributions not exceeding \$1000 in total to the endorsed candidate after he or she is endorsed.

(2.4) An association may make contributions under subsection (2.3) in respect of the candidate of any particular registered party in respect of only one election and in only one electoral district in any calendar year.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 28 to 35 on page 29 with the following:

“who is responsible for the association, and (ii) the amount of the contribution.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 2; NAYS, 8.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also negatived:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by deleting lines 10 to 15 on page 30.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 30 with the following:

“tion 405(1), 405.2(4) or 405.3(1), the chief agent of the registered”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Clause 25 was stood.

Clause 26 carried.

Clause 27 carried.

New Clause 27.1,

Geoff Regan, -- That Bill C-24 be amended by adding after line 10 on page 31 the following:

“27.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 409:

409.1 Any expenses of a candidate that are incurred to remunerate the candidate's representatives referred to in subsection 136(1) are deemed to be personal expenses of the candidate.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 28 carried.

Clause 29 carried.

Clause 30 carried.

Clause 31 carried.

On Clause 32,

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 32, be amended by deleting lines 37 to 45 on page 32.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 2; NAYS, 6.

Clause 32 carried.

On Clause 33,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 33, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 15 and 16 on page 33 with the following:

“deemed to be a contribution to the registered party of the unpaid amount on the day on which the expense was incurred.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

After debate, Clause 33, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 34 was stood.

New Clause 34.1,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24 be amended by adding after line 38 on page 34 the following:

“34.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 424:

424.1 (1) The chief agent of a registered party that is entitled under subsection 435.01(1) to a quarterly allowance shall, for each quarter of the fiscal period of the party, provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a return that includes the information required under paragraphs 424(2)(a) to (c), (h.2) and (k).

(2) A quarterly return shall be provided within 30 days after the end of the period to which it relates.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also adopted:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 35 on page 36 with the following:

“(2) If a registered party has not provided all the documents that it is required to provide under sections 424, 424.1 and 429, the Chief Electoral Officer shall postpone providing the certificate for any quarter until the party has provided those documents.”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 41 on page 80 the following:

“(3.1) Subsection 497(1) of the Act is amended by adding the following after paragraph (m):

(m.1) being a chief agent, contravenes section 424.1 (failure to provide quarterly return);”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 37 on page 86 the following:

“(11.1) Subsection 497(3) of the Act is amended by adding the following after paragraph (i):

(i.1) being a chief agent, wilfully contravenes section 424.1 (failure to provide quarterly return);”

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the following amendment that was stood:

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 5 with the following:

“(h) a quarterly statement required by subsection”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 34 that was stood.

Clause 34 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 35 stood.

Clause 36 carried.

Clause 37 carried.

Clause 38 carried.

Clause 39 carried.

On Clause 40,

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 36 with the following:

“(b) an average equal to 5% of the number of valid votes cast in”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS, 3; NAYS, 6.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 36 the following:

“(5) The fund mentioned in subsection (2) shall be inflation indexed based on the federal government index measurement that is annually provided and based on an amount of \$0.375 per valid vote.”

The Chair ruled the amendment inadmissible as the fund comes from the public treasury and this change would require a royal recommendation.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 39 with the following:

“tions and to incur and pay leadership campaign expenses”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

At 1:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Michel Roy

Legislative Clerk

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House
Planning/Counsel;

Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 4:07 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Caroline St-Hilaire for Benoît Sauvageau; Michel Gauthier for Michel Guimond; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant. *From the Committees Directorate:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michèle René de Cotret, Senior Privy Council Officer/Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 3, 2003, Meeting No. 31*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 40,

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 47 the following:

“d.1 disclosure of all financial loans for the purposes of the campaign, including interest rates, repayment schedules and the lender”;

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Joe Jordan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 43 the following:

“**435.221** The leadership contest expenses limit that is allowed for a leadership contestant is the amount that is 10% of the amount that was allowed under section 422 for election expenses of a registered party that endorses candidates in all electoral districts.

435.222 (1) No leadership contestant or financial agent of a leadership contestant shall incur leadership contest expenses in an amount that is more than the leadership contest expenses limit

allowed for in section 435.221.

(2) No person or entity shall

(a) circumvent, or attempt to circumvent, the leadership contest expenses limit referred to in section 435.221; or

(b) act in collusion with another person or entity for that purpose.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 13 on page 40 the following:

“(3) A person may be appointed as agent or auditor for a leadership contestant notwithstanding that the person is a member of a partnership that has been appointed as an auditor, in accordance with the Act for the registered party.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 44 with the following:

“section 435.23 must be paid within eighteen months after the end of the leadership contest.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 44 with the following:

“eighteen months does not apply to a claim in ”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 7 and 8 on page 46 with the following:

phe 435.3(1) qui n'est pas payée après l'expiration d'un délai de dix-huit mois

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the following amendment:

That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 47 the following:

“d.1 disclosure of all financial loans for the purposes of the campaign, including interest rates, repayment schedules and the name of the lender.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 32 on page 47 with the following:

(f) the name and address of each contributor who made a contribu-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 49 with the following:

“tor of a contribution of more than \$25, or the”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was stood.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 49 with the following:

“tributions of \$10,000 or more in total or”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 8.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also negatived:

That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 49 with the following:

“\$10, 000 or more in total shall report to the”

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 50 the following:

“(5) On receipt of the documents referred to in sections 435.3 and 435.33 and a copy of the auditor’s invoice, the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the Receiver General with a certificate that sets out the amount, up to a maximum of \$1,500, of expenses incurred for the audit.

(6) On receipt of the certificate, the Receiver General shall pay the amount set out in it to the auditor out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.”

The Chair ruled that the amendment was inadmissible and that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also inadmissible.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by adding after line 8 on page 73 the following:

“(5) On receipt of the documents referred to in section 478.23 and this section and a copy of the auditor’s invoice, the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the Receiver General with a certificate that sets out the amount, up to a maximum of \$1,500, of expenses incurred for the audit.

(6) On receipt of the certificate, the Receiver General shall pay the amount set out in it to the auditor out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 55 with the following:

subsection 404.3(3), contributions accepted by the leadership campaign agents on behalf of the contestant and any other amounts that were received by the contestant for his or her leadership campaign and that are not repayable is more than the sum

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 55 with the following:

and date of the disposal and to whom the surplus was transferred.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Clause 40 was stood.

Clause 41 carried.

Clause 42 carried.

Clause 43 carried.

On Clause 44,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 44, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 6 and 7 on page 57 with the following:

unions and associations as defined in subsection 405.3(3);

(b) replacing line 10 on page 57 with the following:

(g.1) in the case of a contributor that is an association as defined in subsection 405.3(3),

(i) the name and address of the association, the amount of its contribution and the date on which it was received by the candidate, and

(ii) the name and address of each individual whose money forms part of the contribution, the amount of money provided by that individual that is included in the contribution and the date on which it was provided to the association;

(h) the name and address of each other contribu-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to a previous amendment adopted and therefore it was also adopted.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 57 with the following:

party, to a registered association or to himself or herself in his or her capacity as a nomination contestant;

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 57 with the following:

ments evidencing expenses set out in the

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 44, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 45 was stood.

Clause 46 carried.

Clause 47 carried.

Clause 48 carried.

On Clause 49,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 49, be amended by

(a) replacing line 1 on page 59 with the following:

49. (1) Paragraph 465(2)(a) of the English version of the Act is replaced by the following:

(a) 50% of the sum of the candidate's paid election expenses and paid personal expenses, less the partial reimbursement made under section 464, and

(2) Paragraph 465(2)(b) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(b) 50% of the election expenses limit provided for in section 440, less the partial reimbursement made under section 464.

(3) Subsection 465(3) of the Act is re-

(b) adding after line 8 on page 59 the following:

(4) Subsections (1) and (2) are deemed to have come into force on September 1, 2000.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 49, as amended, carried.

On Clause 50,

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to a previous inadmissible amendment and therefore it was also inadmissible.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 50, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 59 with the following:

“candidate's election expenses and \$2,500.”

Clause 50 carried.

At 5:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 51,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 51, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 59 with the following:

51. (1) Paragraph 468(1)(a) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(a) each candidate, including one who has withdrawn under subsection 74(1), who the Chief Electoral Officer is satisfied has provided the documents under section 451 and returned any unused forms referred to in section 477, in accordance with subsection 478(2); and

(2) Subsection 468(2) of the Act is re-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 51, as amended, carried.

Clause 52 carried.

Clause 53 carried.

On Clause 54,

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to a previous amendment adopted and therefore it was also adopted.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 54, be amended by

(a) replacing, in the English version, line 14 on page 60 with the following:

a registered association;

(b) replacing line 17 on page 60 with the following:

candidate transfers to that registered party; and

(c) any funds transferred by the candidate under paragraph 404.2(2)(d).

Clause 54, as amended, carried.

Clause 55 carried.

Clause 56 carried.

On Clause 57,

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by adding after line 40 on page 61 the following:

“(4) Any nomination contestant who spends less than \$10,000 during the nomination campaign is excluded from the register and reporting provisions under section 478.23”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 8.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 62 the following:

“(2) A person may be appointed as agent for a nomination contestant notwithstanding that the person is a member of a partnership that has been appointed as an auditor, in accordance with the Act for the registered party.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 23 and 24 on page 64 with the following:

478.14 The limit for nomination campaign expenses - other than personal expenses as defined in section 478.01 - that is allowed for a nomination contes-

(b) replacing line 26 on page 64 with the following:

(a) that is 25% of the limit that was allowed

(c) replacing lines 36 to 38 on page 64 with the followin

shall incur nomination campaign expenses - other than personal expenses as defined in section 478.01 - in an amount that is more than the limit allowed for that

(d) replacing line 3 on page 65 with the following:

the limit

Marlene Catteral moved, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing “25%” by “20%”.

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 2.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing lines 13 and 14 on page 68 with the following:

“**478.23** (1) The financial agent of the winner of a nomination contest who has accepted contribu-”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing lines 15 and 16 on page 68 with the following:

tions of \$1,000 or more in total or incurred nomination campaign expenses of \$1,000 or

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 10 and 11 on page 69 with the following:

unions and associations as defined in subsection 405.3(3);

(b) replacing line 14 on page 69 with the following:

(e.1) in the case of a contributor that is an association as defined in subsection 405.3(3),

(i) the name and address of the association, the amount of its contribution and the date on which it was received by the nomination contestant, and

(ii) the name and address of each individual whose money forms part of the contribution, the amount of money provided by that individual that is included in the contribution and the date on which it was provided to the association;

(f) the name and address of each other contributor

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 1.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing lines 29 and 30 on page 69 with the following:

or a candidate;

(i) a statement of the commercial value of goods or services provided and of funds transferred to the nomination contestant from himself or herself in his or her capacity as a candidate; and

(j) a statement of the contributions received but

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing line 44 on page 77 with the following:

contestant and any other amounts received by the contestant for his or her nomination campaign that are not repayable are more than the contestant's

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 78 with the following:

for whose endorsement the contest was held.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Clause 57 was stood.

On Clause 58,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 79 the following:

(h.031) being the financial agent of a registered association, contravenes section 403.051 (making erroneous declaration);

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 85 the following:

(f.031) being the financial agent of a registered association, knowingly contravenes section 403.051 (making erroneous declaration);

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, the following amendment was stood.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 86 with the following:

“venes subsections 405(1) and (1.1) (exceeding con-”

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 86 the following:

(f.161) being a person or entity, knowingly contravenes subsection 405.2(4) (entering prohibited agreement);

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 58, be amended by adding after line 38 on page 90 the following:

(17) Subsection 497(4) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(4) No proceedings may be commenced with respect to a failure to provide a return or other document to the Chief Electoral Officer before the expiration of the period within which an application may be made under this Act for an extension of the period within which that return or document is to be provided.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Clause 58 was stood.

Clause 59 carried.

On Clause 60,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 60, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 27 to 29 on page 91 with the following:

parti enregistré, un parti politique radié ou une association de circonscription est partie à des

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 60, as amended, carried.

Clause 61 carried.

On Clause 62,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 62, be amended by

(a) replacing line 14 on page 92 with the following:

511. (1) If the Commissioner believes on

(b) adding after line 19 on page 92 the following:

(2) For the purposes of section 487 of the *Criminal Code*, any person charged by the Commissioner with duties relating to the administration or enforcement of this Act is deemed to be a public officer.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 62, as amended, carried.

On Clause 63,

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 63, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 92 with the following:

“this Act must be instituted within 6 months”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 63, be amended by

(a) replacing line 20 on page 92 with the following:

63. (1) Subsection 514(1) of the Act is re-

(b) replacing line 25 on page 92 with the following:

becomes aware of the facts giving rise to the

(c) adding after line 28 on page 92 the following:

(2) Section 514 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) A document purporting to have been issued by the Commissioner, certifying the day on which the Commissioner became aware of the facts giving rise to a prosecution, is admissible in evidence without proof of the signature or of the official character of the person appearing to have signed the document and, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, is proof of the matter asserted in it.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 63, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 92 with the following:

“prosecution and not later than three years”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Clause 63, as amended, carried.

On Clause 64,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 64, be amended by replacing lines 32 and 33 on page 92 with the following:

section 403.35, 424, 429, 435.3, 435.35, 451, 455, 478.23 or 478.3, all

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 64, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 65 was stood.

Clause 66 carried.

Clause 67 carried.

Clause 68 carried.

On Clause 69,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 69, be amended by

(a) replacing line 33 on page 93 with the following:

69. (1) Despite section 66, for the fiscal

(b) replacing, in the English version, lines 38 and 39 on page 93 with the following:

this Act, apply in respect of the documents that the registered party must provide in relation to that fiscal period;

(c) adding after line 12 on page 94 the following:

(2) Sections 424 to 428 of the Canada Elections Act, as they read immediately before the coming into force of this section, apply with respect to the documents that a registered party must provide in relation to any fiscal period ending before the coming into force of this section.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 69, as amended, carried.

Clause 70 carried.

Clause 71 was negatived on the following recorded vote:

YEAS:

Michel Gauthier

Dick Proctor

Gerald Keddy: -- 3

NAYS:

Marlene Catteral

Rodger Cuzner

Joe Jordan

Lynn Myers

Carolyn Parrish

Geoff Regan

Jacques Saada

Guy St-Julien

Ted White : -- 9

Clause 72 carried.

New Clause 72.1

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24 be amended by adding after line 44 on page 95 the following new clause:

“72.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall endeavour to consult all registered parties on an ongoing basis regarding the administration and interpretation of this Act; in particular he or she shall endeavour to consult on draft texts of both guidelines and prescribed forms before they are issued, and once issued, before changes are made.”

The Chair ruled that the amendment was inadmissible.

On Clause 73,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 73, be amended by adding after line 32 on page 96 the following:

(3.2) No agent of a registered association of a registered party shall issue a receipt referred to in subsection (3) unless the leader of the registered party has, in writing, notified the financial agent, as referred to in the *Canada Elections Act*, of the registered association that its agents are authorized to issue those receipts.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 73, as amended, carried.

On Clause 74,

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 74, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 41 on page 97 with the following:

electoral district associations referred to in the

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 74, as amended, carried.

On Clause 75,

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 75, be amended by replacing lines 35 to 39 on page 98 with the following:

“75. This Act, other than section 22, section 403.22 of the *Canada Elections Act*, as enacted by section 23, section 73 and subsection 74(2), comes into force on January 1, 2005.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 8.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 75, be amended by adding after line 39 on page 98 the following:

“(2) Section 23 comes into force on the day after the day on which the next electoral boundary changes take effect.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 75, be amended by replacing lines 35 to 39 on page 98 with the following:

75. (1) This Act, other than section 34.1, subsections 49(1) and (2), section 73 and subsection 74(2), comes into force on January 1, 2004.

(2) Section 34.1 comes into force on January 1, 2005.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 75, as amended, carried.

At 8:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 13.

Clause 13 carried.

Clause 14 carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 23.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 32 on page 14 with the following:

403.22 (1) If the boundaries of an electoral district are revised as a result of a representation order under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, a registered association for the electoral district may, before the day on which the representation order comes into force under subsection 25(1) of that Act, file with the Chief Electoral Officer a notice that it will be continued as the registered association for a particular electoral district described in the representation order. The notice must be accompanied by a consent signed by the leader of the registered party with which it is affiliated.

(2) If a notice has been filed under subsection (1), on the coming into force of the representation order, the registered association is continued as the registered association for the electoral district specified in the notice and assumes all the rights and obligations of the association for the former electoral district.

(3) Any registered association in an electoral district whose boundaries are revised as a result of a representation order under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* that does not give a notice under subsection (1) is deregistered on the day on which the representation order comes into force under subsection 25(1) of that Act and, despite paragraph 403.01(c), may transfer goods or funds to the registered party with which it is affiliated or to any of its registered associations in the six months after that day. Any such transfer is not a contribution for the purposes of this Act.

(4) As soon as a proclamation is issued under section 25 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* relating to a representation order, an application may be made under section 403.02 for the registration of an electoral district association for an electoral district that is created by — or whose boundaries are revised as a result of — the order. Any resulting registration does not take effect before the order comes into force.

(5) The applicant in an application referred to in subsection (4) is deemed to be an electoral district association as of the date on which the application is received by the Chief Electoral Officer.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, the following amendment was withdrawn.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 20 the following:

“(5) Party membership fees of \$50 or less per person are not contributions to be registered.”

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 20 the following:

“(5) The financial agent of a registered association shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a return that includes the information required under paragraphs 451(2)(f), (g), (h), (h.1) and (i) one week before the day set for polling day.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 6.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 40.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 48 with the following:

“Officer within 30 days after the end of the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 6.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 44.

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 44, be amended by adding after line 47 on page 57 the

following:

“(2.3) The financial agent of a candidate shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a return that includes the information required under paragraphs 451(2)(f), (g), (h), (h.1) and (i) one week before the day set for polling day.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 57

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 70 the following:

“(10) The financial agent of a nomination contestant shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a return that includes the information required under paragraphs (2)(d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) one week before the day set for polling day.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 6.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 23.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to a previous negatived amendment and therefore, it was also negatived.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 20 with the following:

“\$500 or the name of the chief executive”

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 24.

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 24, be amended

(a) by replacing line 5 on page 27 with the following:

“404.4 (1) Any person who is authorized to”

(b) by replacing line 11 on page 27 with the following:

“more than \$25 that he or she accepts”

(c) by adding after line 11 on page 27 the following:

“(2) Where anonymous contributions of \$25 or less per person are collected in response to a general solicitation at a meeting or fundraising event related to the affairs of a registered party, a registered association, a candidate, a leadership contestant, or a nomination contestant, the person authorized to accept those contributions must record the following:

(a) a description of a function at which the contributions were collected;

- (b) the date of the function;
- (c) the approximate number of people at the function; and
- (d) the total amount of anonymous contributions accepted.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Chair ruled that the following amendments were consequential to the previous one and therefore they were also adopted.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 34 on page 20 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$25, the name or”

That Bill C-24, in Clause 35, be amended by replacing line 47 on page 34 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$25, or the name or”

-- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 49 with the following:

“tor of a contribution of more than \$25, or the”

That Bill C-24, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 58 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$25, the name or”

That Bill C-24, in Clause 57, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 71 with the following:

“contribution of more than \$25, the name or”

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 23

Clause 23, as amended, carried.

Clause 24, as amended, carried.

On Clause 25,

By unanimous consent, the following stood amendment was withdrawn.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing lines 14 to 25 on page 27 with the following:

405. (1) No individual shall make contributions that exceed

(a) \$5,000 in total in any calendar year to a particular registered party and its registered associations, nomination contestants and candidates or that exceed \$1,000 to any one registered association, nomination contestant or candidate of such party in any calendar year;

(b) \$1,000 in total to a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate for a registered party; and

(c) \$5,000 in total to the leadership contestants in a particular leadership contest.

Caroline St-Hilaire moved the following stood amendment.

That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended

(a) by replacing line 16 on page 27 with the following:

“(a) \$5,000 in total in any calendar year to”

(b) by replacing line 20 on page 27 with the following:

“(b) \$5,000 in total to a candidate for a”

(c) by replacing line 23 on page 27 with the following:

“(c) \$ 5,000 in total to the leadership”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 27 the following:

(4) The following contributions shall not be taken into account in calculating contributions for the purposes of subsection (1):

(a) contributions that do not exceed \$5,000 in total in any calendar year by a nomination contestant or candidate of a registered party out of his or her own funds to his or her own campaigns as a nomination contestant or candidate;

(b) contributions that do not exceed \$5,000 in total by a candidate for a particular election who is not the candidate of a registered party out of his or her own funds to his or her own campaign; and

(c) contributions that do not exceed \$5,000 in total by a leadership contestant in a particular leadership contest out of his or her own funds to his or her own campaign.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That the amendment be amended by deleting “in any calendar year” in paragraph (a).

After debate, the question being put on the subamendment, it was adopted by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 27 the following:

“(5) For the purposes of this Act contributions made to a leadership contestant within 18 months after a leadership contest are deemed to be contributions for that contest.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 25, as amended, carried.

Clause 35, as amended, carried.

On Clause 40

Joe Jordan moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 43 the following:

“**435.221** The leadership contest expenses limit that is allowed for a leadership contestant is the amount that is 10% of the amount that was allowed under section 422 for election expenses of a registered party that endorses candidates in all federal electoral districts.

435.222 (1) No leadership contestant or financial agent of a leadership contestant shall incur leadership contest expenses in an amount that is more than the leadership contest expenses limit allowed for in section 435.221.

(2) No person or entity shall

(a) circumvent, or attempt to circumvent, the leadership contest expenses limit referred to in section 435.221; or

(b) act in collusion with another person or entity for that purpose.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-24, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 44 the following:

“section 435.23 must be paid within eighteen months after the end of the leadership contest.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore, it was also adopted.

That Bill C-24, Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 44 with the following:

“eighteen months does not apply to a claim in”

Clause 40, as amended, carried.

Clause 45, as amended, carried.

Clause 57, as amended, carried.

Clause 58, as amended, carried.

Clause 65 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing), as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-24 with amendments to the House as the 35th Report of the Committee.

At 10:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Michel Roy

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Gerald Keddy, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Dale Johnston; Dick Proctor for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Research Assistant.

Pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-3, the Committee commenced consideration of the matter of the objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta.

The Committee commenced consideration of the report of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

It was agreed, - That the report of the Subcommittee be the report of the Committee and that the Chair do present the report to the House.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to political financing.

The Committee considered options for a draft report.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, June 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and other acts in consequence.

APPEARING:

Hon. Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Mitch Bloom, Privy Council Officer.



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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, June 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Acting Member present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: Hon. Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witness: From the Privy Council Office: Mitch Bloom, Privy Council Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 6, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-34, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and other Acts in consequence.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and, with Mitch Bloom, answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee considered its future business.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Monday, June 9, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

Monday, June 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 5:40 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Michel Guimond, Gerald Keddy, Lynn Myers, Yves Saada.

Guest Members present: Larry Bagnell for Geoff Regan; Serge Marcil for Guy St-Julien; Ted White for Dale Johnston; Martin for Yvon Godin.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: John M. Wright, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

It was agreed, - That Gerald Keddy replace Rick Borotsik as a member of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

The Committee discussed its future business.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report on political financing.

It was agreed, - That the draft report be the report of the Committee and that the Chair do present it to the House.

At 10:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-34, An act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and other acts in consequence

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Mitch Bloom, Privy Council Officer, Machinery of Government, Privy Council Office;

Ronald Wall, Director, Parliamentary Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel,
Privy Council Office.

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Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-34, An act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and other acts in consequence

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Mitch Bloom, Privy Council Officer;

Ronald Wall, Director, Parliamentary Relations.

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day, June 10, 2003

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the
r, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan,
ld Keddy, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien.

ng Members present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston and Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin.

attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal. *House of Commons:* Jeremy LeBlanc, Legislative
k.

esses: Privy Council Office: Ronald Wall, Director, Parliamentary Relations; Mitch Bloom, Privy Council Officer.

uant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 6, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-34, An Act
mend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and other Acts in consequence.

an unanimous consent, Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 11 on
e 8 the following:

72.061 The Prime Minister shall, within 15 days after the swearing in of Cabinet, establish ethical principles, rules
d obligations for public office holders.

72.062 The Ethics Commissioner shall, on the first sitting day of a session of Parliament, provide a report on the
ical principles, rules and obligations established under section 72.061 to the Speaker of the House of Commons, who
all lay it before that House.

72.063 Any amendment to the ethical principles, rules and obligations established under section 72.061 shall
mediately be reported by the Ethics Commissioner to the Speaker of the House of Commons, who shall lay the report
the Ethics Commissioner before that House.”

bate arose thereon.

unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by deleting the words “72.062 The Ethics
nmissioner shall, on the first sitting day of a session of Parliament, provide a report on the ethical principles, rules
bligations established under section 72.061 to the Speaker of the House of Commons, who shall lay it before that
use.”

bate arose on the amendment of Michel Guimond, as amended.

unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

Ken Epp moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 20 on page 8 with the following:

“Prime Minister for public office holders; and”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ken Epp and it was negatived.

Lorne Nystrom moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 8 with the following:

“of Commons or a Canadian citizen who has reasonable grounds to”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Lorne Nystrom and it was negatived.

Lorne Nystrom moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 9 with the following:

“request, provide the Prime Minister and the leaders of all political parties recognized in the House of Commons with a”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Lorne Nystrom and it was negatived.

Ken Epp moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by deleting lines 18 to 20 on page 9.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ken Epp and it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, Gerald Keddy moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 22 and 23 on page 5 with the following:

“paid a remuneration comparable to that paid to the Information Commissioner of Canada and the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Gerald Keddy and it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Michel Guimond, as amended.

The debate continued.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended to read as follows: “**72.061** The Prime Minister shall establish ethical principles, rules and obligations for public office holders. **72.062** The ethical principles, rules and obligations shall be laid before each House of Parliament within 30 days after the Prime Minister assumes office, and any subsequent changes to those ethical principles, rules and obligations shall be laid before the House within 15 sitting days after they are established.”

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Ken Epp moved, — That Bill C-34, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 11 the following:

“ **72.14** For greater certainty, where any of the provisions of any code of conduct or rules regarding public office holders that have been developed or may be developed by the Prime Minister or the Government of Canada in the future are in conflict with this Act, this Act shall prevail.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ken Epp and it was negatived.

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

Clauses 5 and 6 carried severally.

Clause 7 carried.

es 8 to 42 inclusive carried severally.

itle carried.

Question: "Shall the Bill carry?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rodger
er, Joe Jordan, Carolyn Parrish, Jacques Saada, Benoît Sauvageau, Guy St-Julien — 6; NAYS: Ken Epp, Gerald
y, Lorne Nystrom — 3.

ERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

/09/18 5:34 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish and Jacques Saada.

Acting Members present: Mac Harb for Marlene Catterall (at 5:19 p.m.); Ken Epp for Dale Johnston; Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond; Rex Barnes for Gerald Keddy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, principal; Margaret Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That the draft report be the interim report of the Committee and that the Chair do present the report to the House.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:24 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee considered its future business.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, September 18, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Consideration of a draft report.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, September 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Jacques Saada and Werner Schmidt.

Acting Members present: Gérard Binet for Guy St-Julien, Judi Longfield for Lynn Myers and Paul Harold Macklin for Carolyn Parrish.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee considered the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee considered matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That the mandate of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment be extended; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Subcommittee be empowered to inquire into and report on any matter relating to the redistribution process.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v) and 119.1(2), the Committee considered matters relating to the broadcasting of committee proceedings.

The Committee considered a draft report to extend the guidelines on broadcasting committee proceedings until the end of the current session.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 11:37 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall

Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/23 3:48 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, September 25, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons

Consideration of BillC-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the
Chief Electoral Officer;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, September 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Carolyn Parrish, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Members present: Reed Elley for Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield for Guy St-Julien, Marcel Proulx for Peter Adams, Brent St. Denis for Marlene Catterall, Yolande Thibeault for Jacques Saada and Paddy Torsney for Lynne Myers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal. *House of Commons:* Jean-Michel Roy, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee considered matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed, — That Marcel Proulx, Scott Reid and Paddy Torsney be members of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment from the time the 45th Report of this Committee is concurred in by the House; and that Paddy Torsney be Chair of the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 23, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement, and with Diane Davidson, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the representatives of the parties have until 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 26, 2003, to submit lists of proposed witnesses to the Clerk of the Committee; and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Monday, September 29, 2003, to select from those lists the witnesses to be heard on Tuesday, September 30, 2003.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/30 3:52 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the membership of its Subcommittee on Private Members' Business

Consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003

WITNESSES:

Earnscliffe Research and Communication:

Elly Alboim.

Privy Council Office:

Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Regional County Municipality of Lac-Saint-Jean-Est:

Lawrence Potvin, Warden.

Société des Acadiens et Acadiennes du Nouveau-Brunswick:

Jean-Guy Rioux, President.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Honourable Speaker, Carolyn Parrish, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien.

Visiting Members present: Sue Barnes for Marlene Catterall, Judi Longfield for Peter Adams and Alan Tonks for Lynn Myers.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-Charles Roy, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: *Société des Acadiens et Acadiennes du Nouveau-Brunswick:* Jean-Guy Rioux, President. *Regional County Municipality of Lac-Saint-Jean-Est:* Lawrence Potvin, Warden. *Earnscliffe Research and Communication:* Elly Boim. *Privy Council Office:* Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Pursuant to its mandate under provisional Standing Order 91(1), the Committee considered the membership of its Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

It was agreed, — That David Price, Gerald Keddy and Chuck Strahl be members of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Acting Chair presented the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Our Subcommittee met on Monday, September 29, 2003, to discuss the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

Consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.

That the following witnesses be invited to appear on Tuesday, September 30, 2003:

Jean-Guy Rioux, President, Société des Acadiens et Acadiennes du Nouveau-Brunswick;

Lawrence Potvin, warden, Regional County Municipality of Lac-Saint-Jean-Est, Quebec;

Claude Renaud, mayor, L'Ascension, Quebec;

Democracy Watch; and

—Elly Alboim, Earnscliffe Research and Communication; and

That, after hearing witnesses, the Committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN PARRISH

Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee

On motion of Jacques Saada, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 23, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.

Jean-Guy Rioux and Lawrence Potvin each made a statement and answered questions.

Elly Alboim answered questions.

Stephen Zaluski answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed on division, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/06 2:12 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Judi Macfield, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Guest Members present: Gilbert Barrette for Carolyn Parrish, Réal Ménard for Benoît Sauvageau, Paddy Torsney for Eirlene Catterall and Ted White for Dale Johnston.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal. *House of Commons:* Jean-Michel Roy, Legislative Clerk; Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 23, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.

Yvon Godin moved, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

"The amendment is effective, for each province other than the Province of New Brunswick, on the first dissolution of"

debate arose thereon.

At 11:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Yvon Godin, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

"The amendment is effective, for each province other than the Province of New Brunswick, on the first dissolution of"

The debate continued.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/09 8:43 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.

APPEARING:

Don Boudria, Minister of State and Government Leader in the House of Commons.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Geoff Regan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government.

Privy Council Office:

Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, the Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan and Jacques Saada.

Attending Members present: Gilbert Barrette for Marlene Catterall, Aileen Carroll for Carolyn Parrish, Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond and Ted White for Dale Johnston.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal. House of Commons: Jean-Michel Roy, Legislative Clerk; Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Attending: Hon. Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 23, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-49, An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Yvon Godin, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

“The amendment is effective, for each province other than the Province of New Brunswick, on the first dissolution of”

The debate continued.

At 4:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Yvon Godin, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

“The amendment is effective, for each province other than the Province of New Brunswick, on the first dissolution of”

The debate continued.

The question was put on the amendment of Yvon Godin and it was negatived on division.

Gerald Keddy moved, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

“The amendment is effective on January 1, 2004 and shall be used on the first dissolution of”

The debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Gerald Keddy and it was negatived on division.

Gerald Keddy moved, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 1 with the following:

“mation is effective on April 1,”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Gerald Keddy and it was negatived on division.

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 1 with the following:

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(a) in respect of each province other than the Province of Quebec, is effective on the first dissolution of Parliament that occurs on or after April 1, 2004; and

(b) in respect of the Province of Quebec, has no force or effect.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was negatived on division.

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-49, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 1 with the following:

“Parliament that occurs on or after September 1,”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was negatived on division.

Clause 1 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Aileen Carroll, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Ted White — 9; NAYS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Gerald Keddy, Jean-Yves Roy — 4.

By unanimous consent, Ted White moved, — That Bill C-49 be amended by adding after line 11 on page 1 the following:

“ 2. On the later of the coming into force of this Act and section 23 of An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing), being Chapter 19 of the Statutes of Canada, 2003, subsection 25(2) of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act is replaced by the following:

(2) For the purpose of authorizing and enabling, whenever required, the appointment of returning officers under section 24 of the Canada Elections Act or the registration of electoral district associations under subsection 403.22(4) of that Act, the representation order is deemed to be effective on the day on which the proclamation was issued.

3. In the case of any proclamation issued in 2003 under subsection 25(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, the order referred to in that proclamation is deemed, for the purposes of subsection 25(2) of that Act, as enacted by section 2 of this Act, to be effective on January 1, 2004.”

er debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ted White and it was agreed to on division.

e Title carried on division.

e question: "Shall the Bill carry?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Aileen
roll, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, Jacques Saada, Ted
White — 9; NAYS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Gerald Keddy, Jean-Yves Roy — 4.

was agreed on division, — That the Chair report Bill C-49, as amended, to the House.

was agreed, — That Bill C-49, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

5:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

03/10/15 11:21 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, October 9, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business

Consideration of Bill C-408, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (oath or solemn affirmation)

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Eugène Bellemare, Lib., Member from *Ottawa—Orléans*;

Grant Hill, Canadian Alliance, Member from *Macleod*.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, October 9, 2003

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Eileen Johnston, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Lynn Myers and Benoît Sauvageau.

Visiting Members present: Diane Ablonczy for John Reynolds, Gilbert Barrette for Carolyn Parrish, Nancy Karetak-Dell for Geoff Regan, Grant McNally for Werner Schmidt and Paddy Torsney for Judi Longfield.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; John M. Wright, Analyst.

Guests: House of Commons: Grant Hill, Macleod; Eugène Bellemare, Ottawa—Orléans.

Pursuant to provisional Standing Order 92, the Committee commenced consideration of the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

Grant Hill made a statement and answered questions.

On the motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be concurred in.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 13, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-408, Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (oath or solemn affirmation).

Eugène Bellemare made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/15 11:31 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish and Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/21 3:17 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Gerald Keddy, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds and Werner Schmidt.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be the Committee's report to the House and that the Chair do present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

The Committee commenced consideration of a second draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair do present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting or supplementary opinions from the Parties provided that they are submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 26, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of the questions of privilege regarding Members' being compelled to attend court.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of the provisional Standing Orders regarding Private Members' Business.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair do present it to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 8:26 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the questions of privilege regarding Members' being compelled to attend court;

Consideration of Bill C-408, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (oath or solemn affirmation);

Review of the Standing Orders relating to delegated legislation.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Monday, November 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:49 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Honourable Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Joe Jordan, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan, John Reynolds, Benoît Sauvageau and Werner Schmidt.

Guest Members present: Larry Bagnell for Jacques Saada, Inky Mark for Gerald Keddy and Scott Reid for John Reynolds.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 26, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of the questions of privilege regarding Members' being compelled to attend court.

John Reynolds moved, — That this Committee report to the House that based on historical precedent, a claim of privilege by a Member of the House of Commons to avoid appearing in court as a witness does not apply to a Member who appears as a defendant in a civil action; the privilege can be claimed, however, by a Member not named as a party but who was simply asked to appear as a witness; in relation to the case of Ainsworth Lumber Co. v. Canada (A.G.) and Paul Martin, the Member for LaSalle-Émard had no claim to such privilege; in relation to the case of Telezone Inc. v. Attorney General of Canada, such privilege could be claimed by the Member for Ottawa South; and that this Committee undertake a further review of this privilege as it relates to Parliament in the 21st Century.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Inky Mark, John Reynolds, Benoît Sauvageau, Werner Schmidt — 7; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan — 8.

John Reynolds moved, — That the Speaker, the Clerk of the House and Paul Martin be invited to appear before the Committee on this matter.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Inky Mark, John Reynolds, Benoît Sauvageau, Werner Schmidt — 7; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, Marlene Catterall, Rodger Cuzner, Joe Jordan, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Geoff Regan — 8.

Joe Jordan moved, — That the Speaker, the Clerk of the House, and the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be invited to appear before the Committee on this matter.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 13, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-408, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (oath or solemn affirmation).

It was agreed, — That Eugène Bellemare be invited to appear before the Committee again on this matter, and that Members submit names of proposed witnesses to the Clerk no later than Thursday, November 6, 2003, at 5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders relating to delegated legislation.

The Chair presented a letter dated October 28, 2003, from the Clerk of the House, to which were attached draft Standing Orders reflecting the provisions of Bill C-205, which received the Royal Assent on June 19, 2003.

Judi Longfield moved, — That the Chair present a report to the House recommending that the Standing Orders be changed to conform to the provisions of An Act to amend the Statutory Instruments Act (disallowance procedure for regulations), Statutes of Canada 2003, Chapter 18.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/06 3:32 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 5, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 5, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 104(1).

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Hon. Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Hon. Roger LaMay, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Benoît Pigeau, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Guest Members present: Hon. Joe Jordan for Carolyn Parrish and Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin.

Attendance: House of Commons: Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On the motion of Garry Breitkreuz, it was agreed, — That Peter Adams be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On the motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That Marcel Proulx be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Joe Jordan moved, — That Garry Breitkreuz be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Lorne Nystrom moved, — That Chuck Strahl be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

After the ballots having been counted, Chuck Strahl was declared duly elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On the motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On the motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a member of each of the other two parties.

On the motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the four whips be delegated the duty to act as the striking committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114, and that they be authorized to present directly to the Chair, in a report issued by all four whips, their unanimous recommendations for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee.

On the motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the

opposition.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, in accordance with the regulation issued by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid, as necessary, to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that for such payment of expenses a limit of one representative per organization be set, unless otherwise decided by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure).

Paul Longfield moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all in camera meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

At 11:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc
Committee Clerk

2004/02/06 3:30 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, February 12, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of matters relating to electoral boundaries readjustment.

Consideration of matters relating to the broadcasting of committee proceedings.

Consideration of the provisional Standing Orders governing Private Members' Business.

Consideration of a draft report.

Consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, February 12, 2004

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Hon. Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Hon. Roger Gallaway, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Guest Members present: Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin, Caroline St-Hilaire for Benoît Sauvageau and Guy St-Julien for Carolyn Parrish.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Motion of Guy St-Julien, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to provisional Standing Order 91.1(1), the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, Yvon Godin, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx and Benoît Sauvageau;

That Marcel Proulx be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee; and

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), except the power to report directly to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to electoral boundaries readjustment.

Motion of Diane St-Jacques, it was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment, composed of Paddy Torsney, Marcel Proulx, Michel Guimond, Yvon Godin and Scott Reid, be established to review the disposition of Members' objections by the federal electoral boundaries commissions and to report its recommendations and observations;

That Paddy Torsney be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee; and

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), except the power to report directly to the House.

Dale Johnston moved, — That, whenever Main Estimates or Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House and referred to the Committee, the Speaker or the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, as the case may be, and the appropriate senior officials be invited to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Dale Johnston moved, — That, whenever a chapter of a report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and the appropriate senior

officials of the House or the Office of the Chief Electoral Office of Canada, as the case may be, be invited to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “appear” the following “, whenever possible,”.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(3)(a)(v) and 119.1(2), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the broadcasting of committee proceedings.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of the provisional Standing Order governing Private Members' Business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Hon. Jacques Saada be invited to appear before the Committee to answer questions regarding the document entitled “Ethics, Responsibility, Accountability: An Action Plan for Democratic Reform”, which was tabled in the House on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, as Sessional Paper No. 8525-373-03.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted Friday, February 5, 2004, concerning the question of privilege raised by Garry Breitkreuz, the Clerk of the House and the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be invited to appear before the Committee.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Speaker be invited to attend an *in camera* meeting of the Committee concerning matters relating to parliamentary security.

At 11:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/13 5:05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the question of privilege relating to Members' being compelled to attend court

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Monday, February 17, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Honourable Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Garry Breitkreuz, Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Jean-Pierre Godin, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx and Diane St-Onge.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Witnesses: House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

On the agenda for the Order of Reference of Friday, February 6, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of the privilege relating to Members' being compelled to attend court.

Each witness made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee obtain French translations of the relevant judgments of the courts of Ontario and for British Columbia; and

That the two judgments then be published by the Committee.

At 1:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:59 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

At 2:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

February 17, 2004 2:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 19, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House

APPEARING:

Hon. Jacques Saada, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister responsible for Democratic Reform



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Hon. Roger Gallaway, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Jacques Saada, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister responsible for Democratic Reform.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/19 4:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act And Income Tax Act

APPEARING:

Hon. Jacques Saada, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister responsible for Democratic Reform

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Holly McManus, Assistant Chief Legal Counsel.

Privy Council Office:

Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel, Political Financing Reform Team, Legal Operations/Counsel;

Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.



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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Hon. Roger Gallaway, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Judi Longfield, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Lynn Myers, Paul Harold Macklin for Carolyn Parrish, Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin, Paddy Torsney for Hon. Elinor Caplan and Ted White for Garry Breitkreuz.

Other Members present: John Bryden.

In attendance: House of Commons: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Jacques Saada, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister responsible for Democratic Reform.

Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Holly McManus, Assistant Chief Legal Counsel. *Privy Council Office:* Stephen Zaluski, Senior Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel, Political Financing Reform Team (Legal Operations/Counsel).

On motion of Loyola Hearn, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to provisional Standing Order 91.1(1), Chuck Strahl replace Garry Breitkreuz as a member of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 18, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/24 2:27 p.m.

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37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, February 26, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of security on the Hill

Consideration of the question of privilege relating to Members' being compelled to attend court

Consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-450, An Act to amend the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees) Act in order to protect the legal definition of "marriage" by invoking section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Jim Pankiw, Ind., Member from *Saskatoon—Humboldt*.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Monday, February 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, at the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel L. Bédard, Loyola Hearn, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Benoît Sauvageau, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Guests: House of Commons: Peter Milliken, Speaker; Jim Pankiw, Saskatoon—Humboldt.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee commenced consideration of security on the Hill.

The Speaker made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 1:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:08 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 6, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of the duty of Members relating to Members' being compelled to attend court.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee commenced consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-450, An Act to amend the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees) Act in order to protect the definition of "marriage" by invoking section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Mr. Pankiw made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:38 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee resumed consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-450, An Act to amend the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees) Act in order to protect the definition of "marriage" by invoking section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

At 2:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee resumed consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-450, An Act to amend the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees) Act in order to protect the legal definition of "marriage" by invoking section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be concurred in.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/26 4:45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act

WITNESSES:

Communist Party of Canada:

Miguel Figueroa, Party Leader.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

James Sprague, Senior Practitioner and General Counsel.



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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Hon. Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Loyola Hearn, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers and Marcel Proulx.

Acting Members present: Stéphane Bergeron for Michel Guimond, Serge Cardin for Benoît Sauvageau, Hon. Joe Jordan for Hon. Roger Gallaway, Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin and Ted White for Dale Johnston.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; James Sprague, Senior Practitioner and General Counsel. *Communist Party of Canada:* Miguel Figueroa, Party Leader.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 18, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

The Chief Electoral Officer made a statement and, with James Sprague, answered questions.

Miguel Figueroa made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/10 3:04 p.m.

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37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

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Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House with regard to the prior review of order-in-council appointments

Televised Meeting



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 5:41 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Benoît Sauvageau and Chuck Strahl.

Associate Members present: Stéphane Bergeron and Hon. Lorne Nystrom.

Other Members present: Paul Crête, Hon. Stéphane Dion, John Harvard, Charles Hubbard, Shawn Murphy, Hon. Jacques Saada and Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House with regard to the prior review of order-in-council appointments.

At 7:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/11 5:02 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, March 11, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the provisional Standing Orders governing Private Members' Business

Report by the Chair of the study to the House of Commons

Study of the security on the Hill

Report by the Chair of the study to the House of Commons

Study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act

Report by the Chair of Bill C-3, as amended, to the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

James Sprague, Senior Practitioner and General Counsel.

Privy Council Office:

Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel, Political Financing Reform Team, Legal Operations.



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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, March 11, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Michel Guimond, Loyola Hearn, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Hon. Stéphane Dion for Hon. Elinor Caplan, Hon. John Harvard for Carolyn Parrish, Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin and Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Roger Gallaway.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk; Jean-Michel Roy, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Stéphane Perrault, Senior Counsel, Political Financing Reform Team (Legal Operations/Counsel). *Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* James Sprague, Senior Practitioner and General Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of the provisional Standing Orders governing Private Members' Business.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 18, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

Clauses 1 and 2 carried severally.

Clause 3 carried on division.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

Lorne Nystrom moved, — That Bill C-3, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 14 to 20 on page 3 with the following:

“ 370. (1) An eligible party becomes a registered party if it has at least twelve candidates whose nominations have been confirmed for an election and its application to become registered was made at least 60 days before the issue of the writ or writs for that election and has not been withdrawn.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Lorne Nystrom and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Claude Duplain, John Harvard, Loyola Hearn, Dale Johnston, Lorne Nystrom, Massimo Pacetti — 6; NAYS: Stéphane Dion, Michel Guimond, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques, Chuck Strahl — 7.

Clause 5 carried.

Clauses 6 to 22 inclusive carried severally.

Clause 23 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 24 was allowed to stand.

Clause 25 carried on division.

Clause 26 carried.

Judi Longfield moved, — That Bill C-3 be amended by adding after line 45 on page 14 the following new clause:

“26.1 The amendments made by this Act cease to have effect on the day that is two years after the day on which this Act comes into force or, if Parliament is not then in session, on the day that is 90 days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Judi Longfield and it was agreed to.

Clause 27 carried.

Clause 24 was negatived.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/12 3:18 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;

William Corbett, Clerk;

Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Monday, March 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Honourable Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, John Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx and Chuck Strahl.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal.

Guests: House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and business of the House.

The Clerk of the House made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

03/23 3:09 p.m.

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Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, March 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Main estimates for 2004-2005, vote 25, for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, under the Privy Council Office

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services.

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g No. 11

y, March 25, 2004

nding Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the
Peter Adams, presiding.

rs of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Marcel
Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Members present: Gérard Binet for Hon. Roger Gallaway, Réal Ménard for Michel Guimond, Hon. Lorne
n for Yvon Godin, John Reynolds for Loyola Hearn, Guy St-Julien for Hon. Elinor Caplan and Ted White for
hnston.

dance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

es: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal
l; Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and
ate Services.

nt to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 25
of the Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24,

air called Vote 25 under PRIVY COUNCIL.

erre Kingsley made a statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

5 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, carried.

RED, — That the Chair report Vote 25 (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the
s voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

8 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

3/25 4:42 p.m.

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on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the question of privilege relating to the disclosure of the confidential proceedings of an Ontario Liberal caucus meeting

Consideration of a request from the Hon. Joe Clark to be named an associate member of certain standing committees

Review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 12

y, March 30, 2004

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel and, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx and Chuck Strahl.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

nt to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 25, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the n of privilege relating to the disclosure of the confidential proceedings of an Ontario Liberal caucus meeting.

agreed, — That, in relation to this question of privilege, the Committee hear from the following persons on y, April 20, 2004: John O'Reilly, Derek Lee, the Clerk of the House, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, e appropriate representatives of the House administration.

nt to its mandate under Standing Order 104(4), the Committee proceeded to consider a request from the Hon. Joe o be named an associate member of certain standing committees.

ongfield moved, — That the Chair present a report to the House recommending that the name of the Hon. Joe Clark ed to the list of associate members of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, the Standing Committee on n Affairs and International Trade, and the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and ency Preparedness.

ebate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

nt to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and e of the House.

55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

03/31 10:37 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, April 1st, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to electoral boundaries readjustment

Study of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT,
referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, April 1, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Marcel Proulx, Benoît Sauvageau, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Yvon Godin, Ovid Jackson for Hon. Elinor Caplan, Hon. Robert D. Nault for Lynn Myers and Paddy Torsney for Hon. Elinor Caplan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Peter Milliken, Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to electoral boundaries readjustment.

The Committee commenced consideration of the report of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

Paddy Torsney moved, — That the report of the Subcommittee be the report of the Committee and that the Chair present the report to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

The Committee commenced consideration of another report of the Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment.

On motion of Paddy Torsney, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be the report of the Committee and that the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

The Chair called Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT.

The Speaker made a statement and, with the Clerk of the House, answered questions.

Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT, less the

amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/02 4:34 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Peter Adams.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 25, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the disclosure of confidential proceedings of an Ontario Liberal caucus meeting.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Peter Adams,
Hon. Elinor Caplan,
Claude Duplain,
Hon. Roger Gallaway,
Yvon Godin,
Michel Guimond,
Judi Longfield,
Lynn Myers,
Marcel Proulx,
Diane St-Jacques
and Chuck Strahl.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Reynolds for Loyola Hearn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Robertson, Principal;
Megan Furi, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

John O'Reilly, Haliburton—Victoria—Brock;
Derek Lee, Scarborough—Rouge River;
William Corbett, Clerk;
Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel;
MGen G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Clerk of the House made a statement and, with the Law Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms, answered questions.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Hon. Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Hon. Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: John Reynolds for Loyola Hearn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: John O'Reilly, Haliburton—Victoria—Brock; Derek Lee, Scarborough—Rouge River; William Corbett, Clerk; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; MGen G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 25, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the disclosure of confidential proceedings of an Ontario Liberal caucus meeting.

John O'Reilly and Derek Lee each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Clerk of the House made a statement and, with the Law Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms, answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:57 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/20 4:42 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, April 22, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 15

ay, April 22, 2004

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre
the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Lynn
Marcel Proulx, Benoît Sauvageau, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Members present: Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Carolyn Parrish and Yolande Thibeault for Hon. Elinor Caplan.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

nt to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and
e of the House.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft letter to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
nister responsible for Democratic Reform concerning prior parliamentary review of Order-in-Council
tments.

agreed, — That the Chair send the letter, as amended, on behalf of the Committee.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair
t the Report to the House.

nt to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 25, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question
ilege relating to the disclosure of confidential proceedings of an Ontario Liberal caucus meeting.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair
t the Report to the House.

nt to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the provisional
ng Order regarding petitions.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the
t to the House.

02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/23 4:51 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Monday, April 26, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the Committee commenced consideration of the proposed appointment of Bernard Shapiro to the position of Ethics Commissioner which was referred to the Committee on April 21, 2004.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Peter Adams,
Claude Duplain,
Roger Gallaway,
Yvon Godin,
Michel Guimond,
Judi Longfield,
Lynn Myers,
Marcel Proulx
and Chuck Strahl.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeannot Castonguay for Diane St-Jacques,
Ken Epp for Loyola Hearn,
and Hon. John Harvard for Hon. Elinor Caplan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Margaret Young, Analyst;
Megan Furi, Analyst.

WITNESS:

As an Individual:

Bernard Shapiro.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 16

Monday, April 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Jeannot Castonguay for Diane St-Jacques, Ken Epp for Loyola Hearn and Hon. John Harvard for Hon. Elinor Caplan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Analyst; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Bernard Shapiro.

Pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1) and the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 21, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the proposed appointment of Bernard Shapiro to the position of Ethics Commissioner.

Bernard Shapiro answered questions.

John Harvard moved, — That this Committee report to the House recommending that the House ratify the appointment of Bernard Shapiro to the position of Ethics Commissioner.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jeannot Castonguay, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Michel Guimond, John Harvard, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx — 8; NAYS: — 0.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the inclusion of a code of conduct in the Standing Orders of the House.

Judi Longfield moved, — That the 51st Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs in the 2nd Session of this Parliament be this Committee's report to the House and that the Chair do present it to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/27 2:17 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 17

, April 27, 2004

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre
the Vice-Chair, Marcel Proulx, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Elinor Caplan, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond,
Angfield, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Benoît Sauvageau and Chuck Strahl.

Members present: Yolande Thibeault for Carolyn Parrish.

Dance: Library of Parliament: Megan Furi, Analyst; James Robertson, Principal.

to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on
ent Hill.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

agreed, — That the draft report be the Committee's report and that the Chair present it to the House.

to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing
procedure and practice of the House with regard to the prior review of certain order-in-council appointments by
Committee.

5 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

4/27 3:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 18

y, May 4, 2004

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre
the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Roger Gallaway, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Judi
eld, Lynn Myers, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

nt to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders,
ure and practice of the House with regard to the prior review of certain Order-in-Council appointments by this
ttee.

mmittee commenced consideration of a draft letter to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
nister responsible for Democratic Reform.

agreed, — That the Chair send the letter, as amended, on behalf of the Committee.

nt to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of the French-
ze version of the Standing Orders.

mmittee commenced consideration of a draft report.

agreed, — That the draft report be the Committee's report and that the Chair do present it to the House.

nt to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating
lection of Members to the House of Commons.

agreed, — That the Chief Electoral Officer and Canada Post be invited to appear before the Committee regarding
g lists produced from voters' lists provided by Elections Canada.

2 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

5/04 5:03 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, May 6, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Peter Adams,
Claude Duplain,
Yvon Godin,
Michel Guimond,
Judi Longfield,
Lynn Myers,
Carolyn Parrish,
Marcel Proulx,
Diane St-Jacques
and Chuck Strahl.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Benoît Sauvageau,
and John Reynolds for Loyola Hearn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

James Robertson, Principal;
Megan Furi, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief
Legal Counsel;
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Register and Geography;
Luc Dumont, Director of Operations.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, May 6, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Duplain, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Judi Longfield, Lynn Myers, Carolyn Parrish, Marcel Proulx, Diane St-Jacques and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Benoît Sauvageau and John Reynolds for Loyola Hearn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Register and Geography; Luc Dumont, Director of Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, notwithstanding the order adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, no other witnesses be heard on this matter.

At 1:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/06 5:08 p.m.

